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Blow for town as store set to close in the autumn

GRAEME WHITFIELD
Business Editor

A POPULAR department store in a Northumberland market town is to close.

Beales, on Hexham's Fore Street, is to shut its doors in the autumn, with the owners citing the challenging conditions on the UK high street that have seen dozens of retail chains either closing shops or going bust.

Beales is the main department in Hexham, having taken over the site of the historic Robbs store in 2010 when its owners went into administration. The town's main post office is based inside the shop.

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> Smoke and flames burst from Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, after a devastating fire broke out yesterday. FULL STORY: Page 10 Eve Millan

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Nurse who stole drugs was caught out by colleagues

KATIE DICKINSON
Reporter

A NURSE who repeatedly stole codeine from her hospital was caught out when colleagues marked a box of the drug with a UV pen, a disciplinary panel heard.

Staff at the University Hospital of North Durham marked a strip of codeine when they suspected Rachael Hird was raiding the drug cupboard on two wards.

The NHS trust reported the missing medication to police, who searched Hird's home and found the UV-marked codeine in her make-up bag.

Now a disciplinary panel has ruled that she should be struck off after finding that she had repeatedly taken codeine from the hospital between July and September 2017.

A report of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) hearing also said Hird had attempted to obtain Dihydrocodeine and Naproxen from a GP surgery in Consett through a prescription which was not hers.

The hearing was told the charges arose whilst Hird was employed as a bank nurse by the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust working on Ward 13 and Ward 6 at the University Hospital of North Durham, with a permanent position in the Accident and Emergency department.

The NMC's report said: "It came to the Trust's attention that codeine was going missing from Ward 13 and Ward 6 at the Hospital. Miss Hird was identified as the only member of staff with access to the drugs on all of the four occasions when the medication had gone missing.

"The pharmacy marked a strip of codeine with ultra violet (UV) marker pen and, following a shift worked by Miss Hird, the codeine was found to be missing."

A police officer told the panel that when he searched Hird's home on October 18 2017, he "found a blister pack of codeine phosphate 30mg 28 x containing 13 tablets in Miss Hird's make-up bag".

The officer added it was "later identified as belonging to the hospital as it had the UV marker on". The report said Hird denied the allegation of theft at the first interview with the police on October 18, 2017.

The panel said: "There was subsequently an incident at a GP surgery in Consett where someone telephoned purporting to be another individual requesting a prescription for Dyhydrocodeine and Naproxen.

"It was later established that this was Miss Hird, who was arrested on suspicion of fraud on 17 November 2017. At a police interview on the same day Miss Hird made full admissions to the allegation of theft and fraud."

The report noted that during a disciplinary interview with the Trust on December 14 2017, Hird stated: "I know what I have done is wrong and I am just sorry that I have let the Trust down and my managers."

But the panel ruled that she should be barred from the profession permanently after finding "her actions would be regarded as deplorable and unacceptable by members of the public and fellow members of the nursing profession".

Their judgement said: "The panel considered that Miss Hird was in a position of trust, where as a nurse, she was responsible for providing safe and effective care to patients. It considered that she abused this position of trust by taking large quantities of medication whilst on duty."

Weather

Around the Country

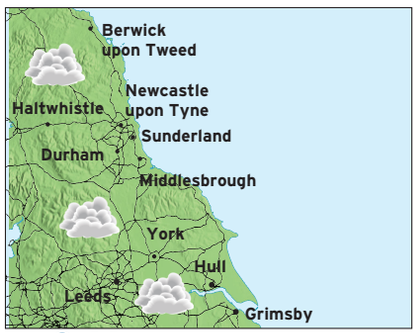
	Tuesday	°C	°F	Wednesday	°C	°F
Birmingham	rain	12	54	cloudy	16	61
Bristol	rain	11	52	cloudy	17	63
Cardiff	cloudy	11	52	cloudy	15	59
Carlisle	cloudy	11	52	sunny	16	61
Exeter	rain	14	57	cloudy	14	57
Gloucester	cloudy	11	52	cloudy	16	61
Leeds	cloudy	11	52	pcloudy	16	61
Liverpool	cloudy	12	54	pcloudy	16	61
London	cloudy	14	57	cloudy	17	63
Manchester	cloudy	12	54	pcloudy	17	63
Norwich	cloudy	12	54	cloudy	14	57
Nottingham	cloudy	13	55	pcloudy	16	61
Plymouth	pcloudy	14	57	cloudy	14	57
Swansea	cloudy	10	50	cloudy	15	59

Around the World

	Tuesday	°C	°F	Wednesday	°C	°F
Amsterdam	sunny	16	61	rain	16	61
Beijing	sunny	26	78	sunny	32	89
Corfu	sunny	16	60	sunny	17	62
Majorca	rain	17	63	sunny	18	64
Mexico City	sunny	26	79	rain	26	79
Moscow	sunny	11	51	sunny	8	47
New Delhi	rain	32	89	rain	21	70
New York	rain	9	48	sunny	14	57
Paris	rain	14	58	rain	18	64
Rio	rain	27	81	rain	25	77
Rome	pcloudy	17	63	sunny	19	67
Sydney	pcloudy	23	73	rain	22	71
Tokyo	sunny	17	62	rain	18	64

Today's Weather

Skies will be cloudy today. Afternoon highs will range from 8 to 11C.



Sun & Moon

Sunrise 6:02 a.m.
Sunset 8:07 p.m.

Moonrise 3:59 p.m.
Moonset 5:24 a.m.

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Full	Last	New	First

Almanac

	Grimsby	Leeds	Newcastle upon Tyne
Yesterday's High (°C/°F)	10/50	12/54	12/54
Yesterday's Low (°C/°F)	7/45	9/48	9/48
Yesterday's Precip	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"

	Hull	Middlesbrough	York
Yesterday's High (°C/°F)	12/54	13/55	13/55
Yesterday's Low (°C/°F)	9/48	10/50	10/50
Yesterday's Precip	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"

Four-Day Outlook

Wednesday
Partly cloudy.
14°C/ 57°F 6°C/ 43°F

Thursday
Cloudy.
15°C/ 59°F 5°C/ 41°F

Friday
Sunny.
17°C/ 63°F 6°C/ 43°F

Saturday
Cloudy.
18°C/ 64°F 7°C/ 45°F

High Tides

	Tuesday				Wednesday			
Holy Island	4.3	12:57 a	4.4	1:13 p	4.6	1:52 a	4.7	2:04 p
Newcastle	4.8	1:43 a	4.9	1:59 p	5.1	2:38 a	5.2	2:50 p
Tynemouth	4.5	1:40 a	4.6	1:56 p	4.8	2:35 a	4.9	2:47 p
Sunderland	4.6	1:31 a	4.7	1:50 p	4.9	2:30 a	5.1	2:44 p
River Tees Ent.	4.7	1:48 a	4.9	2:07 p	5.0	2:47 a	5.2	3:01 p
Spurn Head	6.1	3:58 a	6.3	4:03 p	6.5	4:54 a	6.7	4:54 p
Grimsby	6.2	4:09 a	6.4	4:18 p	6.6	5:06 a	6.9	5:09 p
Wells	2.4	5:18 a	2.6	5:17 p	2.8	6:09 a	3.0	6:08 p
Dover	6.0	9:41 a	6.3	10:03 p	6.4	10:35 a	6.6	10:53 p
Liverpool	8.5	9:26 a	8.7	10:02 p	9.0	10:22 a	9.2	10:53 p

> This Newcastle dog walker was well prepared with bags. The council will fine walkers who allow their dogs to mess up paths – but not for failing to carry bags

Dog walkers won't bag a fine for forgetfulness

HERBERT SODEN
Reporter

SEVEN North East councils have confirmed they won't be fining dog walkers who fail to carry "poo bags".

This comes as councils across the country have stepped up the war on dog walkers who don't come prepared in a bid to tackle dog mess.

You no longer need to be caught not picking up dog mess, in several parts of the country almost anyone walking a dog risks a fine if they're caught out with their pet and don't have enough poo bags on them already.

Dog walkers in Lincolnshire can be challenged to prove their intention to pick up dog mess by producing some form of bag with anyone without a bag facing a fixed penalty notice of up to £100 or a fine of up to £1,000 if a case goes to court under rules that came into force in September.

And in Canterbury, you need to carry at least two.

But seven of the region's local authorities have confirmed that this isn't something they're doing.

Northumberland, North Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead Council's said that currently dog walkers are not fined for being without poo bags.

Newcastle City Council said it was "impracticable" to search dog-lovers for plastic bags, but said it took a "robust" approach to the issue.

A spokesperson for Newcastle City Council said: "This is an approach we've looked at in the past but it was deemed impracticable and was therefore not pursued.

"We have a robust approach to dog fouling in the city and the responsibility lies with dog owners and walkers and we would remind them they are committing an offence if they do not clean up after their pet.

"The consequences of this can range from a £75 fixed penalty notice charge up to a £1,000 fine."

South Tyneside Council explained that it takes a "proactive approach" to "educate" dog walkers rather than punish them.

A spokesperson for the council explained: "We take a proactive, rather than a punitive, approach to responsible dog ownership. Our wardens regularly talk to dog owners about the importance of clearing up after their pets and we also supply dog waste bags.

"We have also placed signage across the borough in key locations to remind dog owners to clear up after their pets and also to highlight areas where dogs are excluded or need to be kept on a lead.

"We also run high profile campaigns including No Messing, We're Watching You, Love Where You Live and Report It."

Meanwhile Durham County Council said that it would "consider all options" when its current public spaces protection order, which covers canine control, comes up for review next year.

Ian Hoult, neighbourhood protection manager at Durham County Council, said: "We do not currently issue fines to pet owners who are found with insufficient dog waste bags but we will consider all options when we review our Public Space Protection Order in 2020.

"The current order was introduced in 2017, following a public consultation, and extended our powers for dog control.

"As well as issuing fines to those who do not pick up after their dog, the order empowers us to take action in other circumstances, including when owners allow their dogs to stray or fail to put their pet on the lead when asked to do so by a police officer or one of our neighbourhood wardens.

"Dogs are also banned from certain fenced off play parks."

Family pays tribute to dad, 30, who died in crash

> David Farrell

A grieving family has paid tribute to a 'devoted father' who died in a motorcycle crash.

David Michael Farrell was on his off-road bike when he collided with a car on the A68 at Allensford Bank, near Consett, shortly after 3.30pm on Thursday.

The 30-year-old, from nearby Bridgehill, appeared to lose control on a bend and crossed the carriageway, colliding with a Nissan Qashqai.

An air ambulance was called but paramedics were unable to save Mr Farrell, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

A driver and passenger in the Nissan, a couple in their 60s from Scotland, were uninjured, but suffered shock.

Mr Farrell's family said: "David was a devoted father to his young son, a loving fiance and a cherished son, brother and uncle.

"His family and friends are devastated by this tragic and unexpected accident.

"The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the driver of the other vehicle involved and the paramedics who attempted resuscitation."

Anyone with information about the accident or with dashcam footage is asked to call 101, quoting reference number 236.

Housing plans on site of former school approved

THE transformation of a derelict former school in Newcastle into a new housing estate has gathered pace after councillors gave the scheme top marks.

Wharrier Street Primary School, in Walker, was torn down in 2013 after it merged with St Anthony's C of E Primary to form the new Central Walker Church of England Primary.

But after years of the site laying fallow, plans for 36 affordable rent houses were approved on Friday.

Newcastle City Council's planning committee granted planning permission subject to a legal agreement being reached between the council and developer Places for People.

Committee chairman Coun Hazel Stephenson said: "I'm very, very pleased to see the housing, it's really very welcome."

The proposed estate will be made up of two, three and four bedroom properties including some bungalows.

The application states: "The aim of this development is to aid in the regeneration of the neighbourhood, and as well as providing much needed affordable homes, provide a well overlooked extension to the footpath linking Wharrier Street with the proposed new Chalfont Road site, new Central Walker Primary School and Walker Road beyond."

Places for People said: "The proposed development will promote all the benefits of its sustainable location as an extension to the existing community."

Deputy council leader Joyce McCarty, who has responsibility for housing, said: "We want more affordable homes for rent in the city, so I welcome these homes on the site of a former school."

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Home saga finally draws to a close

PLANS for a new home in woodland near Morpeth, which have been approved three times in recent years only to be quashed in court, have been turned down.

The current outline application, for a five-bedroom house on land west of Bramblings, in Tranwell Woods, dates back to 2014, although the site history goes back three decades.

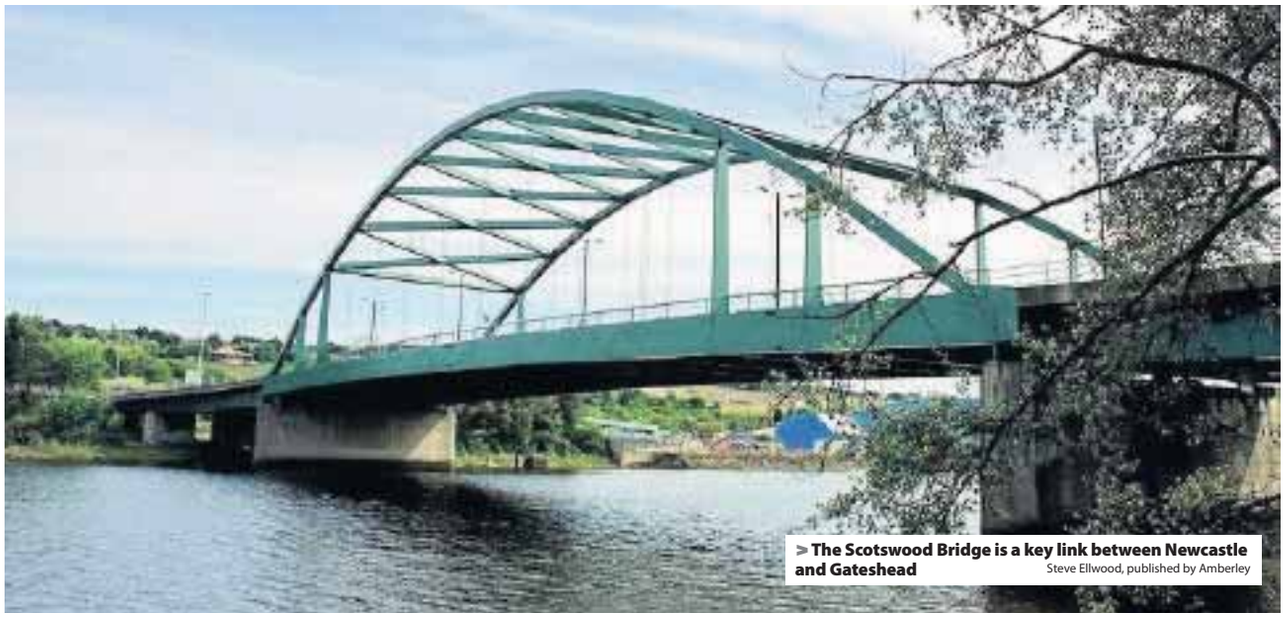
After several court cases final approval was granted in July 2016 but again fell foul of a High Court judge in March 2017.

Northumberland County Council decided to challenge this in the Court of Appeal, but this was thrown out in July last year.

And at last week's meeting of the Castle Morpeth Local Area Council, members followed the planners' latest advice to reject the application.

The site is in the green belt and the whole saga is based on the fact the application could only be acceptable if it represented 'limited infilling in a village'.

This was what the council's previous recommendations for approval relied on, but there is no agreement that Tranwell Woods is a village and, more importantly, that this is infilling.



> The Scotswood Bridge is a key link between Newcastle and Gateshead Steve Ellwood, published by Amberley

Motorists facing delays while bridge is repaired

HERBERT SODEN
Local Democracy Reporter

MAJOR maintenance works on the Scotswood Bridge are set to start next week and are likely to lead to months of delays for motorists.

Crucial expansion joints on the exit and entry ramps on the Gateshead side of the bridge have worn out and urgently need replacing. The work is expected to start on April 23 and will take up to 12 weeks.

This will be the first time in the bridge's 52-year history that these major comb expansion joints, which allow the bridge to expand and contract with temperature to prevent it from buckling and stretching, have been replaced.

Vehicle access across the bridge will be maintained at all times, though the works will lead to some diversions - either via the Chainbridge Road slip roads below the Blaydon Viaduct or the Derwenthaugh Road/A1114 Riverside Way roundabout near the MetroCentre.

The works will be phased so that only one expansion joint is replaced at a time, ensuring that only one diversion route will operate at any given time.

The first phase will involve the replacement of the comb joint on the northbound carriageway of the South Viaduct to Scotswood Bridge from the A695 Derwenthaugh Road westbound.

Anneliese Hutchinson, Gateshead Council's service director for Development, Transport and Public Protection, says: "Fifty-two years is pretty good going for a bridge that has taken the amount of traffic the Scotswood Bridge has taken over the years, but it's beginning to show its age. We need to replace these joints now to guarantee the future of this important crossing.

"We'll be programming the work to ensure that traffic continues to flow across the bridge, and to minimise disruption, but it's possible that some journeys might take a little longer while the works are carried out.

"We will ensure that the annual Blaydon Race won't be disrupted by the works."

The bridge first opened for traffic in March 1967 as a replacement for the 136-year-old Chain Bridge which was located a little downstream of the current bridge and which is mentioned in the well-known Geordie Ridley song "The Blaydon Races".

Within a few years of opening, the new Scotswood Bridge had to be reduced from dual to single carriageway while strengthening works were carried out. This followed concerns that were raised about potential flaws in its box girder design following the collapse of the Cleddau Bridge in Milford Haven in 1970.

From 1970, the bridge carried the A69 western bypass until the construction of the Blaydon Bridge and the new A1 in 1990.

> The Scotswood Bridge three days before its opening in March 1967. Traffic is still using the Chain Bridge, left

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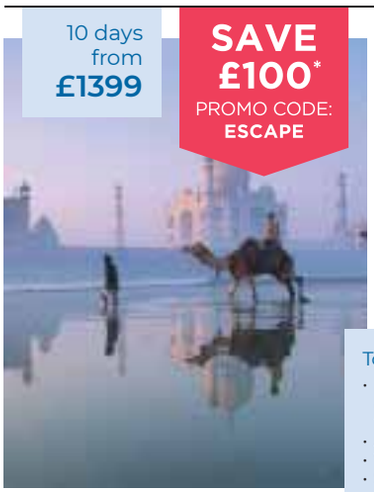

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> The cast of The Full Monty wisely kept their kit on for a photocall outside the Theatre Royal on a cold April day yesterday Tim McGuinness

Cast get cold feet at the prospect of stripping off

CHILLS put paid to thrills for Newcastle shoppers as the cast of The Full Monty lined up ahead of their show.

Plans for Gary Lucy, James Redmond, Louis Emerick, Andrew Dunn, Joe Gill, and Kai Owen to shed their shirts were put on hold until their 7.30pm show at the Theatre Royal.

The comedy drama, based on the hit film, tells the stories of six unemployed steelworkers with nothing to lose.

Gary Lucy, playing Gaz, is well known for his four-year role as Danny Pennant in EastEnders and also played Luke Morgan in Hollyoaks. Brookside's Louis Emerick plays Horse.

Some tickets are still available for the production, which closes its UK tour with Saturday's performance. See www.theatre-royal.co.uk or call the box office on 08448 112121.

Fewer women and girls are being exploited

SOPHIE DOUGHTY
Crime Reporter

GROOMING gangs who exploit Newcastle's most vulnerable women and girls for sex, are losing their grip on the city, says Tyneside's top cop.

It has now been more than five years since the reality of sex exploitation in Newcastle's West End was revealed with the launch of Northumbria Police's Operation Sanctuary.

A specialist team of detectives was set up after a young woman with learning difficulties spoke to her social worker about sexual exploitation.

As multiple arrests were made, the true scale of the grooming problem began to be uncovered, with more and more victims coming forward or being traced by police.

And police and other agencies quickly realised sexual exploitation of children and vulnerable adults was going on in the city on a much larger scale than previously thought.

Eighteen people were eventually jailed in 2017, as a result of the Operation Shelter investigation, which smashed a network of predators from the city's West End.

The gang targeted some of Newcastle's most vulnerable females by plying them with drugs and booze before using them for sex.

> Winton Keenen

Northumbria Police's Chief Constable Winton Keenen said that while the problem had not gone away, he felt the public were now more willing to come forward and report their suspicions of exploitation.

He said: "We can't say it's stopped, but we have lifted stones that hadn't been lifted before. The community are much happier to share things with us now. I'm sure there will still be problems, but we are not getting the intelligence to suggest it is at the level it was."

The Shelter investigation was one of the most complex in Northumbria Police's history.

At the time officers said they had to go out and seek those who had potentially been harmed, many of whom did not even realise they were victims.

Hundreds of potential victims of exploitation were identified in the Northumbria force area, of which 108 were linked to Newcastle including those who gave evidence for the Shelter trials at Newcastle Crown Court.

Mr Keenen also revealed that he had met some of the witnesses personally to thank them for helping with the investigation.

He said: "I have been very privileged to have met some of the victims of that offending for me to thank them for their sheer courage when they gave evidence.

"They are quite remarkable where they are now."

Northumbria Police has now renamed its Operation Sanctuary team the 'complex abuse investigation unit' and detectives are continuing in their fight against organised sex exploitation.

Mr Keenen added: "We have maintained that team, we still have a complex abuse investigation team to deal as proactively as possible with this type of grooming."

English Youth Ballet

BALLET AUDITIONS
Thursday 25 April
Tyne Theatre & Opera House
117 Westgate Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4AG.

The award-winning English Youth Ballet is auditioning at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House for 100 boys and girls (aged 8 - 18) to train and perform alongside professional principal dancers in an exciting production of NUTCRACKER. Performances will be at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House from 11 - 12 July 2019.

Audition 1 (8 - 11yrs) 4.30 - 6.00pm
Audition 2 (12 - 18yrs) 6.30 - 8.00pm

The audition takes the form of a ballet class on stage. All auditionees take part in the whole class. Registration in advance is recommended. Please arrive early if you wish to register on the day. There is an audition fee of £18.00 and a performance course fee for the dancers selected.

For more information and to register please contact EYB:
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NEWS

Black Cats fans hurt by bottles thrown at game

> Sunderland fans at the Stadium of Light were targeted by visiting fans

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SUNDERLAND fans were injured after being pelted with bottles and smoke bombs by trouble-making away fans at the Stadium of Light.

The anti-social behaviour by a minority of Coventry City fans on Saturday has been condemned by Northumbria Police after a number of arrests were made.

Officers say they dealt with "pockets of disorder" both during and after the match with reports of objects being thrown from the away end into the stands below. Five people were thrown out of the stadium during Coventry's dramatic 5-4 win.

A spokesperson from Sunderland AFC has confirmed a number of Black Cats fans were injured or had property damaged after being hit by objects, including bottles, thrown by away supporters.

Northumbria Police made eight arrests in total, resulting in one man being charged with breaching a football banning order, two men were charged with public order offences and three men were released under common law with two men facing no further action.

Two of those charged were Coventry fans and one was a Sunderland supporter.

SAFC owner Stewart Donald responded to concerns online saying he was 'distraught' at what had happened during the game.

He said: "I heard it and saw. I have requested a full report sent to me ASAP.

"I am distraught our fans appeared to be subjected to what I think I saw and if so is completely unacceptable.

"I should have gone over in person myself to help stop it. I will say more once I have investigated."

Daily Mirror associate editor Kevin Maguire, who is from South Shields, also witnessed the bad behaviour. He said: "I sat under this bombardment in the North Stand during second half and saw a woman hit by a bottle."

Northumbria Police is working with Sunderland and Coventry City as they investigate.

Match commander Chief Inspector Jamie Pitt said: "While the majority of fans who attended the match behaved incredibly well, the actions of a small minority have spoilt the day for many and this is totally unacceptable.

"Notwithstanding there was a notable steward and police presence at the ground for the match we are aware of the issue of objects being thrown from the away end. There is absolutely no place in football for this sort of behaviour and we are working closely with both clubs to help locate those responsible and we will take action on anyone found to be involved."

A spokesperson from Sunderland AFC said: "Sunderland AFC is disappointed by the disrespectful behaviour of many away fans at the home match against Coventry City.

> *Sunderland fans demonstrated admirable restraint*
> **Sunderland AFC**

"SAFC and Northumbria Police had been in contact with both Coventry and its fans group ahead of the game, acknowledging that there would likely be some sort of protest, and trying to ensure that the match could go ahead in a safe and respectful environment for both sets of fans.

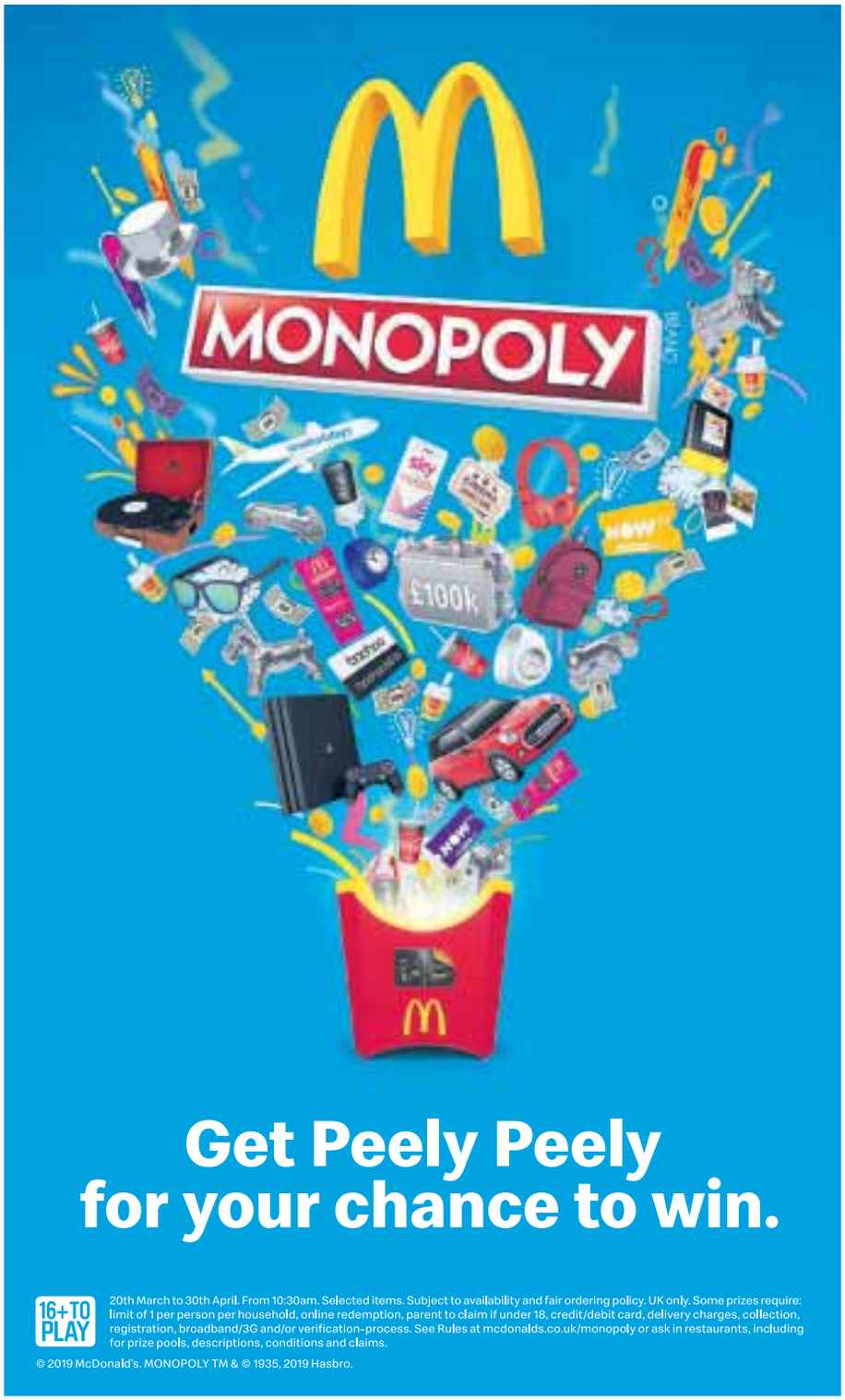
"That turned out not to be the case, with Sunderland fans in the lower tier of the North Stand being subjected to projectiles thrown from the upper tier, where away fans were housed.

"Several Sunderland fans were either injured by the projectiles or had property damaged by smoke bombs thrown from above.

"There were numerous other offences committed, all of which were especially disappointing given Sunderland AFC's willingness to speak to Coventry fans ahead of the game.

"In response, Sunderland fans demonstrated admirable restraint in the circumstances, for which the club is grateful."

Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to contact police on 101 quoting reference 382 13/04/19.



Concern over plans to remove motorway walkways

> How the redeveloped Premier Inn in New Bridge Street, Newcastle could look

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OBJECTORS don't want Newcastle's "most luxurious hotel" to see the light of day - as it could make walking into the city more dangerous.

Developers want to build a multi-million pound 180-room hotel in New Bridge Street, creating around 200 jobs.

But the walkways over the Central Motorway would be removed – a move critics are up in arms over.

"This part of the city is already terrible for pedestrian (and) cycle access: a miserable concrete jungle of motorways," stated one official objection to the Gainford Group's plans.

"I'm no great fan of the current high level walkway, but stopping up the right of way altogether seems even worse."

Another - who certainly is a great fan of the walkways - told Newcastle City Council: "Call me a nerd, but these really are my favourite bits of architecture in the city.

"I wish that I could effectively describe to you how upsetting I find it that an area of public access is being taken from us.

"Accessing the city centre from the East can be difficult and dangerous, especially on foot, and this network of bridges and walkways provide efficient access to several different points in the city."

"Honestly, I'm so upset that this is even being considered."

The walkways, linking Manors and Northumbria University buildings to the city centre, were built in the 1970s.

But in plans, the Gainford Group claims they "present a range of problems", including anti-social behaviour.

They would be removed as part of its plans for the site, formerly occupied by both Premier Inn and Holiday Inn.

The firm, which already operates the Vermont Hotel, previously said the hotel would act as "a catalyst to future improvements in the area".

"We have big plans to create a rooftop bar and restaurant giving views over the city, a spa and to bring lots of other facilities in for guests," said a spokesperson.

> Gainford Group has snapped up the former Premier Inn hotel in a multimillion-pound deal

"Our aim is to make the connection between that area and the rest of the city. At the moment it almost acts as a barrier to the city so we want to open it up and make a grand entrance to the city centre – create a new gateway".

But the trio of locals are not the only ones with concerns.

Back in January, Metro operator Nexus said it was "concerned" that with tunnels under the site, due diligence hadn't been carried out.

Nexus claimed it hadn't been contacted over the plans, and sought "assurances" over the foundations and that no additional loads would be applied to the tunnels.

But it is what's happening above ground – not under it – which has riled some locals.

They fear the removal of the bridges will mean pedestrians will have to cross a "dangerous" road on a crossing. One objector adds: "I understand that the current route is a right of way. That should not be lost lightly and any change MUST improve facilities for pedestrians, not remove them.

"It should be straightforward for the developer to design their building to maintain or improve the current pedestrian access to the city centre."

A decision over the plans will be made in the future.

The Gainford Group did not respond to our request for comment over the objections.

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Ministers urged to 'end misery of austerity' policy

> Philip Alston, left, the UN's special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, during a visit to the West End food bank in Benwell

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TOWN hall chiefs have agreed to write to the government demanding an end to austerity.

In a motion which labelled the policy a 'political choice', members of South Tyneside Council urged ministers to recognise the impact of years of government cuts.

And they called for the reversal of some of the measures they considered most harmful, including the benefits freeze, two-child limit and benefit cap.

The measure was proposed by Coun Anne Hetherington at the full council meeting on Thursday, April 11.

She said; "I'm pleased that as a socialist I get to speak out against social injustice and speak up for the right of citizens for a higher quality of life.

"But I'm also saddened that in one of the richest countries in the world we find an increased number of our citizens living in poverty."

According to a report prepared for councillors, up to a fifth of the UK's population, about 14m people, are thought to be living in poverty.

Of these, 1.5m are believed to be so poor they cannot afford 'basic essentials'.

This also referenced a report by the UN's special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston.

Following a visit to Britain in November, he concluded austerity had 'fallen disproportionately upon the poor, women, racial and ethnic minorities, children, single parents and people with disabilities'.

He added changes to taxes and the benefits system had been 'highly regressive' and said this showed poverty in the UK was a 'political choice'.

In light of this, the council motion concluded by calling on the Prime Minister to change her policies to bring the government back in line with the terms of the Equality Act.

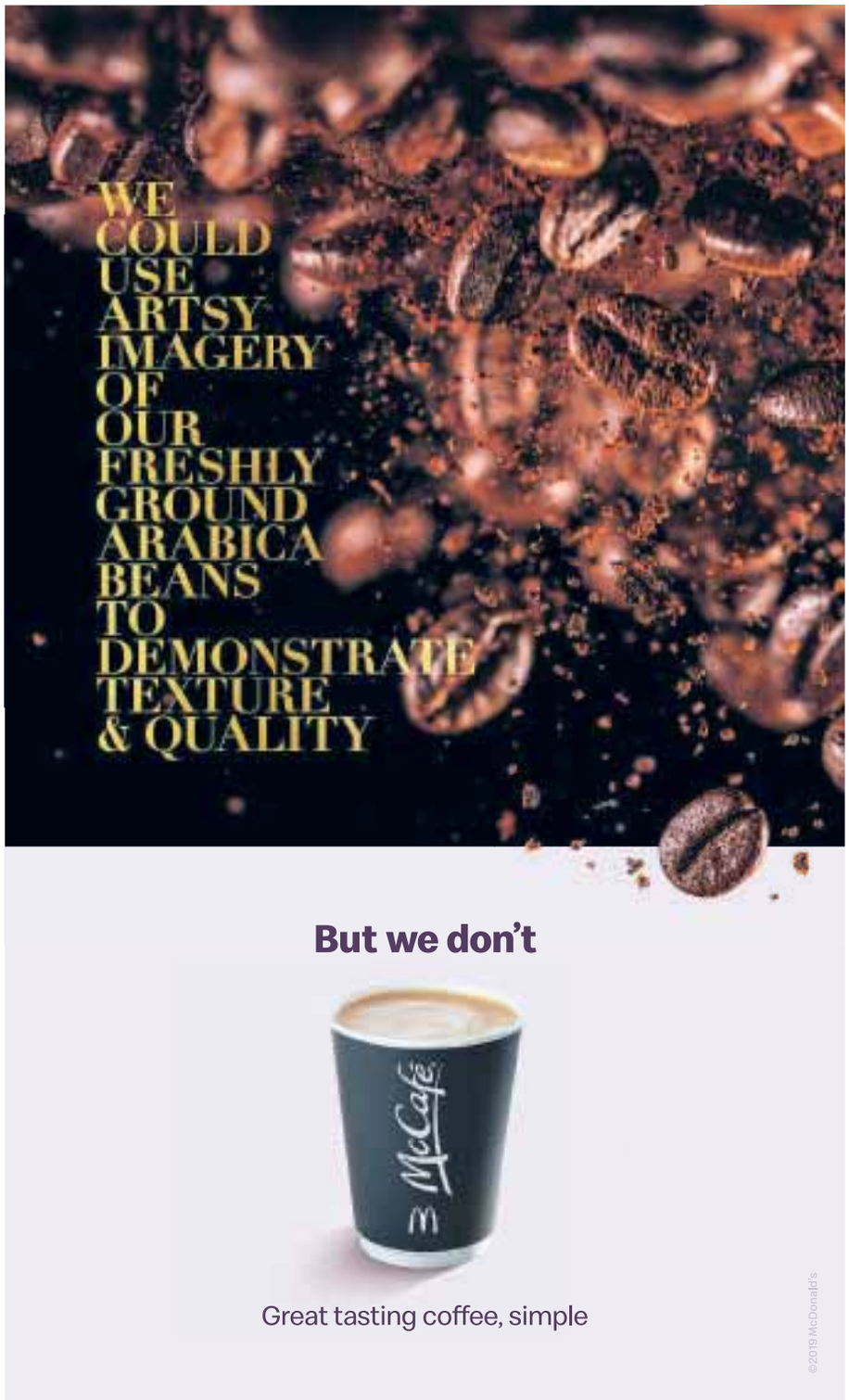
> *We can send a message loud and clear that enough is enough*
> **Anne Hetherington**

A study last year by researchers at Cambridge University claimed South Tyneside saw its spending levels slashed by 44 per cent between 2010-17, making it the worst hit by austerity of all the North East's council and the third worst nationally.

"Austerity is a political choice, it's a choice which has brought misery and has torn apart the very fabric of our society," Coun Hetherington added.

"We can send a message loud and clear to the Tory government that enough is enough.

"They can no longer bury their heads in the sand when the very fabric of our society is breaking down."



Closed after complaints

A Gateshead shop has been closed for three months following repeated complaints about anti-social behaviour and illegal cigarettes.

Istanbul Stores on Coatsworth Road has been the subject of numerous complaints from members of the public and nearby shopkeepers.

Gateshead Council officers issued a 24-hour closure notice on the shop on March 26 and changed the locks.

Now, a three-month closure order has been slapped on the premises at Newcastle Magistrates' Court.

Anneliese Hutchinson, service director for development, transport and public protection at the authority, said: "Istanbul Stores and its links with criminality has been a cause of concern to us for some time. We have received numerous complaints from the public and other shopkeepers about their sale of illegal tobacco, and the increase in anti-social behaviour around these premises has been noticeable.

"The sale of illegal tobacco is not a victim-free crime. The illegal tobacco trade is linked to organised crime."

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Paris landmark Notre Dame goes up in flames

TONY DIVER
Reporter

A CATASTROPHIC fire has engulfed the world famous Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, toppling its spire and threatening the entire wooden frame of the building.

The deputy mayor of Paris, Emmanuel Gregoire, said the cathedral had suffered "colossal damages", and the emergency services were trying to salvage the art and other priceless pieces stored in the cathedral.

A cathedral spokesman said the entire wooden interior was burning and likely to be destroyed.

Officials said the fire may be linked to renovation work at one of the world's most famous tourist attractions, French media reported.

Paris prosecutors opened an investigation into the blaze as the fire was still burning out of control, and the authorities said no-one had been hurt.

Hundreds of people on bridges around Notre Dame in Paris, watching in shock as fire engulfs the famed cathedral.

Photos and videos on social media show the roof of the 850-year-old Gothic building covered in flames, issuing a plume of smoke above the city.

The Paris fire brigade can be seen in videos dousing the blaze with water.

A church spokesman said all of the cathedral's frame was burning after the spire collapsed.

The emergency services were trying to salvage the priceless artwork stored in the cathedral.

French President Emmanuel Macron postponed a televised speech to the nation because of the stunning blaze and was going to the cathedral himself.

He tweeted: "Our Lady of Paris in flames. Emotion of a whole nation. Thought for all Catholics and for all French. Like all our countrymen, I'm sad tonight to see this part of us burn."

Labour MP Yvette Cooper said: "Have just come away from the bank of the Seine after the spire fell as I can't bear to watch any more. Fearful for anyone close to the flames."

The Vatican has issued a statement that said: "The Holy See has seen with shock and sadness the news of the terrible fire that has devastated the Cathedral of Notre Dame, symbol of Christianity in France and in the world."

The statement said the Vatican is praying for firefighters "and those who are doing everything possible to confront this dramatic situation".

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby tweeted: "Tonight we pray for the firefighters tackling the tragic NotreDame fire - and for everyone in France and beyond who watches and weeps for this beautiful, sacred place where millions have met with Jesus Christ.

"Nous sommes avec vous."

> Fire rages at Notre Dame cathedral yesterday Rafael Yaghobzadeh

London hit by protests by activists

ENVIRONMENTAL protesters blocked some of London's busiest roads and vandalised Shell's headquarters as they demanded action on climate change.

Thousands of people gathered at five central London locations yesterday in a bid to bring the capital to a standstill.

Some activists glued themselves to windows and smashed glass revolving doors at Shell's HQ near Waterloo, while others climbed the building to spray graffiti and hang banners.

Police said three men and two women were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and taken to a police station in central London in connection with the incidents at the Shell offices.

Campaign group Extinction Rebellion said it aimed to cause more than £6,000 damage so they can be tried by a jury in Crown Court.

Thousands of people joined protests to demand the Government declares a climate emergency. There were protests at Waterloo Bridge, Marble Arch, Piccadilly Circus, Parliament Square and Oxford Circus.

Police advised people travelling around London in the coming days to allow extra time for their journey.

Teachers in boycott vote

PRIMARY school teachers will be balloted on whether to boycott SATs and other tests next year.

The National Education Union (NEU) annual conference voted in favour of the action after a heated debate in Liverpool yesterday.

Members voted against an amendment from the executive which argued that a ballot was not the most appropriate tactic.

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Sneak-thief's spending spree on stolen bank cards

A BRAZEN burglar treated himself to tea at Burger King and a rum and coke with the bank card he had just stolen.

Steven Spencer, 49, went on a mini-shopping spree just hours after raiding a home on St Luke's Road, Sunderland, last month.

The thief sneaked into the home while the occupants were inside and made away with a wallet and purse. He then used the stolen cards to spend over £100 on goods including clothes, beer and chocolate.

He also bought a meal deal at Burger King during his hour-long spending splurge, before the quick-fire transactions prompted a suspicious alert sent to the victim by the bank.

Last Thursday, Spencer admitted two counts of burglary and three charges of fraud by false representation at Newcastle Crown Court.

The court was told Spencer broke into a house on St Luke's Road on the afternoon of March 9 and snatched a wallet and purse.

Hours later, the victim received a text from his bank alerting him to a suspicious transaction that had been made at News & Booze, in the Bridges Shopping Centre.

After finding his wallet had been stolen, the victim checked his recent history to find further transactions totalling more than £100 had been made at JD Sport, Boots and Wilko.

Spencer had also spent £7.69 at Burger King shortly after treating himself to a rum and coke at a local pub.

Shortly after, the victim's partner realised her purse had also disappeared from the address – with fraudulent transactions also made from her account to the value of £29.10.

Officers seized CCTV footage that showed Spencer using the stolen card in a number of premises, the thief was arrested and later charged with burglary and fraud offences.

Spencer was also charged with a second burglary, which occurred on St Luke's Terrace on February 23, after his blood was found on a broken window.

Spencer, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary and three counts of fraud by false representation.

He is due to be sentenced at a later date.

> Burglar Steven Spencer, who bought a Burger King meal with a stolen card

Desperate and sad: The deaths of homeless

JONATHAN WALKER
Political Editor

THE deaths of 120 homeless people in the North East have been described as "desperate and sad news" by a Government minister responsible for housing.

But a Labour MP suggested people dying on the region's streets were "not really a priority for this Government".

Emma Lewell-Buck, Labour MP for South Shields, said central government was failing to give local councils the resources they need to discover why people were dying.

Speaking in the House of Commons, she highlighted figures published by the Office for National Statistics which show that there were an estimated 120 deaths of homeless people across the North East between 2013 and 2017, including 32 in 2017.

An estimated 46 homeless people died in Newcastle in the period. The figures mainly include people sleeping rough at or around the time of death, but also include those using emergency accommodation such as homeless shelters and direct access hostels.

They included an estimated 20 deaths in Sunderland between 2013 and 2017, with a death rate of 1.9 per 100,000, as well as an estimated nine deaths in Durham between 2013 and 2017.

Officials at the Office for National Statistics say the method used provides a robust but conservative estimate, so the real figures could be higher still.

Ms Lewell-Buck told the House of Commons: "An estimated 120 homeless people in the North East have died since 2013 - a staggering increase of 71%. Those 120 lives mattered and they deserve some recognition.

"The Government have said that local authorities need to investigate fully the circumstances of such deaths, yet have failed to provide any funding to ensure that those investigations happen.

> South Shields MP Emma Lewell-Buck

"Is that because people dying on our streets are not really a priority for this Government?"

Housing Minister Heather Wheeler said: "The figures ... are desperate and sad news. We are working with the Department of Health and Social Care to ensure that when a homeless person dies, a safeguarding adult review takes place, where appropriate.

"The safeguarding adult review process was set up not to review every death of an adult considered to require safeguarding but as a process for learning lessons where the safeguarding adults board is of the view that local partners could have done more to prevent a death resulting from abuse or neglect."

The figures show that local areas in England with the highest deprivation had around nine times more deaths of homeless people relative to their population than the least disadvantaged areas. They also show that many more deaths of homeless people occurred in urban areas than rural areas.

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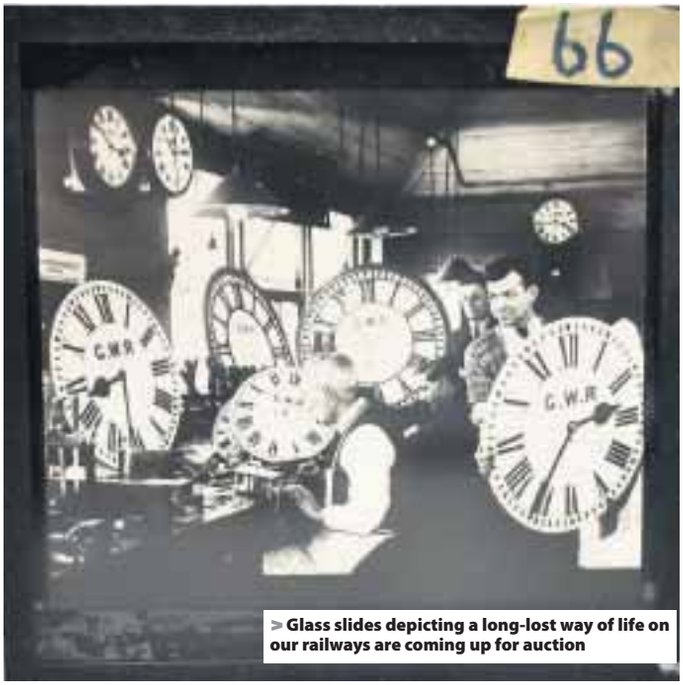
Life of railways depicted in glass lantern slides



> Glass slides depicting a long-lost way of life on our railways are coming up for auction

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FOR one set of workers, clocking on was exactly that. They are pictured making railway station clocks in one of 60 early 20th century glass lantern slides which provide a window into the now long-lost way of life of the railways.

The box of 60 slides was left in Humshaugh station in Northumberland when it closed in 1958. It is labelled Mr Wilson, Humshaugh, who was the station master.

The slides show many aspects of the railway industry, from track laying and locomotive building to steam and diesel engines.

Estimated at £200-£300, they are being sold by Chris Fewster at Anderson and Garland's Newcastle base today.

His grandfather, Jimmy Fewster, bought the station and converted it into a home, where he lived until 1995. The box was among the station's fixtures and fittings.

"I presume the slides were sent to station masters as a promotional move at a time when there was keen competition between railway companies," said Chris.

"They may have been used by the station masters to give public magic lantern slide shows, which would have been a big event in a rural village at that time."

Humshaugh was one of the stations on the 42-mile Border Counties line from Hexham, which followed the course of the North Tyne river, calling at Wark, Barrasford, Bellingham and Kielder before terminating at Riccarton Junction.

The station yard is now home to Bellingham heritage centre.

The first section of the line from Hexham to Chollerford was completed in 1858 and Riccarton was reached in 1862.

The showpiece on the line was the Kielder viaduct, decorated with battlements and false arrow slits to complement the 18th Century Kielder Castle.

In 1969, the viaduct was preserved for the public by the Northumberland and Newcastle Society, and is now a scheduled monument and forms part of a footpath.

It is a rare – and the finest surviving – example of the skew arch form of construction, where the arches are built at an angle. This requires each stone in the arches should be individually shaped. The line carried the seedlings from Aviemore to help create Kielder Forest.

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> Beales in Hexham is set to close in the autumn

Beales shutting up shop as high street woes bite

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A POPULAR department store in a Northumberland market town is to close.

Beales, on Hexham's Fore Street, is to shut its doors in the autumn, with the owners citing the challenging conditions on the UK high street that have seen dozens of retail chains either closing shops or going bust.

Beales is the main department store in Hexham, having taken over the site of the historic Robbs store in 2010 when its owners went into administration. The town's main post office is based inside the shop.

The store had previously been at risk in 2016, only to survive when Beales went into a CVA agreement that reduced its rent.

It is not currently known how many jobs are at risk with the closure.

The demise of the store comes at a difficult time for the retail industry in general, and department stores in particular.

The House of Fraser chain went into administration last year, being taken over by Newcastle United Mike Ashley's Sports Direct. Debenhams - in which Sports Direct was the largest single shareholder - went into administration last week and has been acquired by its lenders.

Beales, which is based in Bournemouth, has 21 stores around the country in locations including Kendal, Chipping Norton, Peterborough and Lowestoft.

It had previously had shops in the North East in Bishop Auckland and Redcar, but these had shut down in the last few years.

The company's chief executive Tony Brown said: "The lease on our Hexham store expires this autumn, we have been working alongside our landlord and their architects on possible long-term options for the site that would accommodate a smaller Beales store and these discussions are ongoing.

"Since Beales entered into a CVA agreement with the landlord in 2015 they have been very supportive. However, the current climate on the high street alongside increasing costs, especially business rates, which now exceed our rent means we have come to the difficult decision to close the store.

"We would like to thank our colleagues and customers in Hexham for all their support over the years."

> *The climate on the high street means we've come to the difficult decision*
> **Tony Brown, of Beales**

Recent research showed that four shops a week are closing in the North East, with the rate of closures accelerating.

The analysis, carried out by PwC and the Local Data Company, revealed 231 shops closed their doors in the region last year, while only 97 opened.

A number of factors - including the rise of online shopping, the increase in the National Minimum Wage and high levels of business rates - have been blamed for tough times on the country's high streets.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

Finance chiefs' Brexit hoards

A RECORD number of UK finance chiefs are bracing for the worst and hoarding cash as they anticipate a damaging Brexit, a new report says.

A survey of chief financial officers by Deloitte – which has a major office in Newcastle – shows more than eight in 10 believe the long-term business environment will be worse as a result of Brexit.

Full story: page 16

New plan for 'Spoons hotel

THE first Wetherspoons hotel in the North East is set to open in Newcastle next to the pub chain's popular Mile Castle venue.

Pub operator JD Wetherspoon has owned and run The Mile Castle on Westgate Road for the past 10 years, turning it into its biggest and busiest city centre venue.

Full story: page 15

Good results drive Carr's

A WARM winter in the UK and overseas failed to dent the bottom line for engineering and agriculture specialist Carr's, which has toasted strong half-year figures.

The group announced results for the 26 weeks ended March 2, citing a good performance ahead of the same period last year.

Full story: page 17

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1604 1230	City of Barcelona	RORO 3 or 4	Zeebrugge
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Fashion brands look to speed up store closures

MONSOON and Accessorize could be the latest stores to disappear from high streets up and down the country, after the owner of both brands called in advisers to speed up its closure process.

The parent company of the chains has brought in Deloitte to prepare plans for a possible Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA), the same process through which retailers New Look and Mothercare closed stores last year.

Any proposals are also likely to include rent reductions on Monsoon and Accessorize's joint estate of almost 270 sites, which includes sites in Newcastle, the Metrocentre, Durham, Stockton and Morpeth.

A spokesman for Monsoon Accessorize said: "The UK retail trading environment is tough and we are continuing to look at options to reduce our overall costs as we restructure the business in the UK and internationally.

"We have made no secret of the fact that we have steadily reduced our store portfolio in recent years and shall continue to do so as leases expire.

"We are looking at options to accelerate these store closures." Earlier this year it emerged that Monsoon Accessorize was seeking rent cuts on some of its sites, but a spokesman denied that a CVA was on the cards at the time.

> Monsoon has sites in Newcastle, Durham and Morpeth

The CVA would form part of long-running efforts to slim down its store estate as sales move online.

It has closed almost 40 stores in the last two years, as well as relocating and downsizing others.

The most recent available accounts for Drillgreat, the holding company for Monsoon and Accessorize, show that the company made a loss before tax of £10.5m in the year to August 26 2017.

> TSB customers will be refunded for any loss as a result of third-party fraud

Bank announces plans to protect victims of scams

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TSB has announced a new "fraud refund guarantee" to ensure its 5.2m customers are protected if they are an innocent victim of a scam.

The bank has committed to covering customers against all types of transactional fraud losses, including cases where customers are tricked into authorising payments to fraudsters.

The guarantee applies to fraud losses incurred on or after Sunday, setting TSB apart from its banking rivals.

It will apply to existing and new personal and business customers, perhaps helping the bank win over consumers after it was heavily criticised for IT woes last year.

In general across the industry, consumers are entitled to a refund when a fraudster takes money from their account without their knowledge.

But when someone authorises a payment to a fraudster – often because they have been tricked into thinking they are transferring money to a legitimate organisation – the situation is much less clear cut and people have been losing large amounts of money.

Figures from trade association UK Finance show £354m was lost last year through scams in which victims were tricked into transferring money directly from their account to a fraudster – known as authorised push payment (APP) fraud.

Financial providers were able to return a total of £83m. Some £228m of losses came from personal accounts and £126m was from business accounts.

Banks have been working together to help increase the chances of people getting their money back, but consumer campaigners who have heard from people devastated at losing their life savings have urged banks to do more.

TSB, which came under fire in 2018 when customers were unable to access accounts due to a huge IT meltdown, said its latest announcement marks a significant step-change in banking, where customers are only refunded for fraud losses in limited circumstances.

It said TSB customers will be refunded for any loss suffered from their account as a result of third-party fraud. The bank will be communicating the terms of the guarantee to its customers.

Under the guarantee, customers will need to contact the bank to report fraud, and it will still investigate the fraud claim, including what happened and how, so it can inform the customer and ensure they are protected from future fraud.

It will not pay out to customers who try to abuse the guarantee – for example, by committing fraud on their own account or repeatedly ignoring safety advice.

And it will not refund losses on retrospective claims as the guarantee only applies to losses on or after April 14.

TSB said it may also adjust the conditions of the guarantee as time goes on to guard against abuse and help prevent and prosecute fraud and reflect requirements from regulators or enforcement authorities.

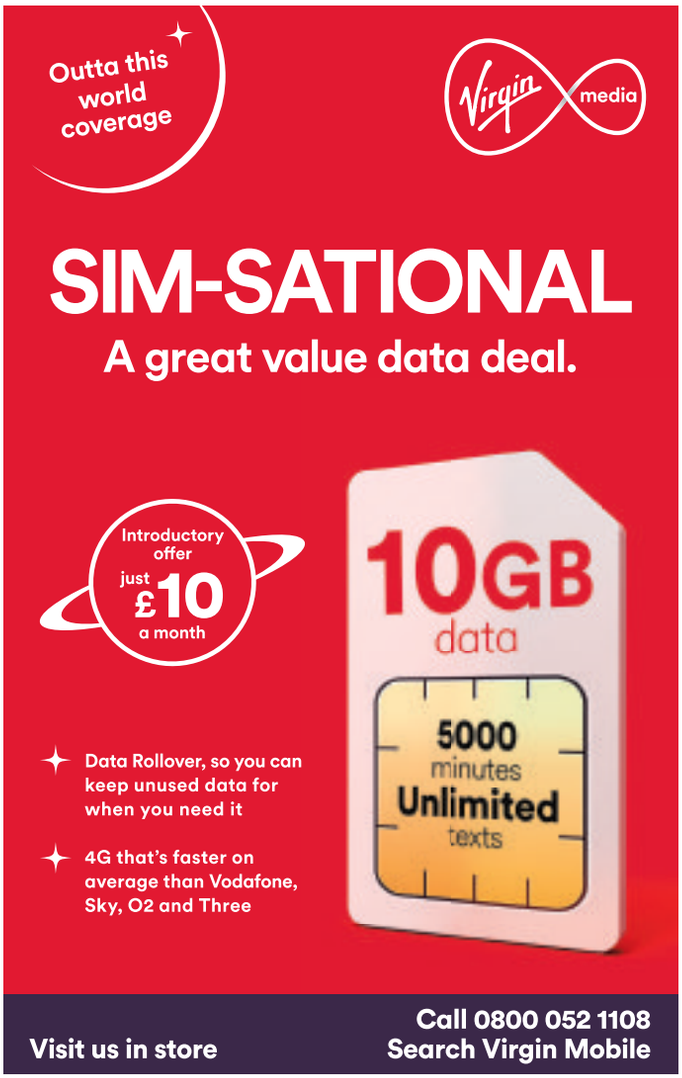
TSB executive chairman Richard Meddings said: "The vast majority of fraud claims across UK banking are from innocent victims of fraud who have been targeted by criminals and organised gangs.

"However, all too often these customers must fight to be refunded and are not treated as victims of crime.

"We want to provide peace of mind to our customers, that's why we're proud to announce the TSB fraud refund guarantee.

"If a TSB customer innocently suffers a fraud loss on their account after being targeted by a criminal, we'll cover it."

TSB said it is also tackling fraud in other ways, including preventing scams through increased education in local communities.



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Chambers set to be pub hotel

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THE first Wetherspoons hotel in the North East is set to open in Newcastle next to the pub chain's Mile Castle venue.

Pub operator JD Wetherspoon has owned and run The Mile Castle on Westgate Road for the past 10 years, turning it into its biggest and busiest city centre venue.

Earlier this year the chain won a bidding war with 30 other firms to snap up neighbouring building Gibb Chambers, the Grade II listed former home of DR C J Gibb, who appears in the Tyneside anthem The Blaydon Races.

Wetherspoons has big plans for the historic building's future, as an extension to the four-floor leisure venue next door, where drinkers can stay within stumbling distance of a night out in the Mile Castle.

At the moment Gibb Chambers has 6,887 sq ft of space over four storeys and a basement, plus 11 car parking spaces. Now the firm has revealed it plans to convert the historic building, built in the 1800s, into a 26-bedroom hotel, to join its 58 other hotels around the UK.

Around £2m is set to be invested into the plans, set to be submitted to city planners, which will also see the creation of a two-storey beer garden.

The nearest Wetherspoon hotel at present is in Whitby, at The Angel Hotel, where prices start at £69 per night. Others around the UK can be booked from £39 a night.

Wetherspoon spokesman Eddie Gershon said: "We have submitted a planning application to build a 26 bedroom hotel alongside the pub. This is in addition to the beer garden.

"The overall investment is £2m. We are confident the hotel and beer garden will be a great addition to the pub and the city itself.

"We will await the outcome of the planning application."

JD Wetherspoon opened its first hotel in 1998 in Shrewsbury and now has 54 around the UK, all of which adjoin its pubs and are decorated to have their own unique character.

The hotels range in size. All rooms have unlimited free Wi-Fi, en suite bathrooms, TV and tea and coffee-making facilities.

> Gibb Chambers and the Mile Castle on Westgate road

> Stephen Hall, office senior partner for Deloitte in the North East

Businesses 'battening down the hatches' for tough times

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A RECORD number of Britain's finance chiefs are bracing for the worst and hoarding cash as they anticipate a damaging Brexit, a new report says.

A survey of chief financial officers by Deloitte – which has a major office in Newcastle – shows more than eight in 10 (81%) believe the long-term business environment will be worse as a result of Brexit, the highest figure since the referendum.

Nearly half of CFOs anticipate reducing capital expenditure and more than one in five aim to scale back deal-making activity, with all citing Brexit.

Around half expect to reduce hiring because of Britain's EU divorce, the highest level in more than two years.

Ian Stewart, chief economist at Deloitte, said: "Put mildly, it's been a turbulent few weeks and there's been little change in confidence and risk appetite among CFOs, as many priced in a tougher environment at the start of the year.

"They went into March braced for tough times and the latest round of Brexit uncertainties have not materially changed that picture. When expectations are already low, it's harder to be disappointed."

The Deloitte survey is the latest gauge of business sentiment since Theresa May had her Brexit deal rejected by MPs for the third time. Parliament remains in deadlock, and the UK in limbo.

Eighty-nine CFOs participated, including those at 48 FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 companies.

The report flagged three significant pressures – growing economic headwinds, cost pressures and credit conditions.

Finance bosses have become "markedly more negative" on revenue growth prospects over the last year. Half of them now expect a decline in revenues in the next 12 months, up from 18% in the first quarter of 2018.

Firms are placing greater emphasis on cash accumulation than at any time since 2010, with 52% stating that increasing cash flow will be a strong priority over the next 12 months.

This is in line with official data at the end of 2018 revealing that UK corporates held a record £747bn of cash, equivalent to 35% of GDP and almost a third higher than in early 2016.

Stephen Hall, office senior partner for Deloitte in the North East concludes: "Large businesses are clearly looking to protect themselves against risk by raising cash levels and bulletproofing balance sheets. They appear to be battening down hatches for tougher times ahead.

"While last week's announcement on a further deferral of the UK's departure from the EU removes an immediate unknown, the continuation of uncertainty is causing much frustration for UK businesses. As well as stashing cash, many continue to delay investment. Businesses remain in a period of further limbo."

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Warm winter fails to dent Carr's sales and profits

> Chief executive officer Tim Davies

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A WARM winter in the UK and overseas failed to dent the bottom line for engineering and agriculture specialist Carr's, which has toasted strong half-year figures.

The group is headquartered in Carlisle but has engineering operations in North Tyneside and the US, a retail footprint of 42 store shops across the North East and beyond, as well as joint-venture facilities across the UK, Germany and the US, with agriculture products supplied in the UK, Europe, Middle East, New Zealand and North America.

The firm has now announced results for the 26 weeks ended March 2, citing a good performance ahead of the same period last year, driven by improved profits in engineering and a solid performance in agriculture. Overall, adjusted revenue was up 3% from £200.1m to £206.2m, with adjusted operating profit up 5.2% to £11.9m and pretax profits increasing 4.5% to £11.4m.

The firm said its engineering division – which includes work by subsidiary Chirton Engineering, based in North Shields – was performing in line with expectations for the full year, with adjusted operating profit in the division up 45.1% at £2m, driven by improved performances in UK manufacturing and US engineering.

Directors hailed a robust performance in its agriculture division, despite challenging market conditions. Warm weather in the UK and US resulted in lower volumes across a number of its feed block plants, and directors also noted that continued uncertainty around Brexit led to caution among the farming community, impacting the UK agriculture division. Despite the challenges, operating profit of £10m was unchanged from the prior year.

Looking ahead, the group said the order books in its UK manufacturing and US engineering businesses are strong, driven by improved manufacturing processes and a strengthened management team, triggering a significant increase in performance.

It said that recent investments, new product development, geographic expansion and strengthened management teams leave the group well placed to deliver continued growth, and that it is looking at further acquisition opportunities.

Tim Davies, chief executive officer, said: "The group delivered a good performance during the first half of the financial year and trading remains in line with the board's expectations for the full year.

"During the period, our agriculture division was impacted by challenging external market conditions, including unseasonably mild weather in marked contrast to the same period in 2018, and continued uncertainty in the UK around Brexit.

"However, we were able to mitigate the effect of these challenges through improved efficiencies, operating cost controls and better procurement. I am pleased to report that our engineering division had a strong start to the year as a result of good performances in our UK manufacturing and USA Engineering businesses. We are now seeing strong order books across the division, driven by contract wins, and we have improved manufacturing processes and strengthened our management teams.

"Trading in the second half started in line with expectations, and the Board's outlook for the full year remains unchanged. We also remain confident in the medium-term prospects of the group as we continue to invest across our divisions, expand our product offering and grow our international footprint."

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> From left, Andy Teasdale, director (Lynx Precast Limited), Gary Roe, business growth & investment manager (Advance Northumberland), Steven Spratt, factory manager (Lynx Precast Limited), Chris Walker, RGN support officer (Advance Northumberland)

£170,000 secured to accelerate expansion

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A NORTHUMBERLAND manufacturer is creating new jobs on the back of expansion into a new market.

Ashington-based Lynx Precast Limited is recruiting the new employees on the back of a programme designed to accelerate business growth and job creation in rural areas of Northumberland, County Durham and Gateshead.

The investment will see the company introduce manufacturing capacity for large reinforced concrete products including stairs, lift shafts and landing units to its factory in Ashington. This will put the business in a position to supply these products nationally, rather than buying them in from elsewhere in the UK and Ireland.

The expansion comes after Lynx Precast secured a £170,000 grant from the North East Rural Growth Network (NERGN) towards the overall investment of £630,000.

The grant will be spent on specialist machinery and on modifying the factory space to make way for large-scale manufacturing.

The company, which is based at Lynefield Park – the former Alcan Aluminium Smelter site – has been involved in the design, manufacture and installation of pre-stressed concrete flooring systems since 2014.

The project, which has already created five of the planned 10 jobs, will see production commence in June 2019. A further five jobs are planned before the end of the year.

Lynx Precast director Andy Teasdale said: "The market is huge; this investment means that we will be able to access large-scale infrastructure projects including highways and rail, not just regionally but nationally.

"It will open up a lot of opportunities in different market sectors and help us diversify and reduce our reliance on construction and housebuilding.

"Until now we have had to purchase reinforced products for our clients' projects and bring them in from outside the region.

"Without the additional grant funding this would have taken longer to get off the ground, it would have seen us adopt a much smaller scale approach over a longer time period.

"We are the biggest employer on this site with 52 staff at the time we made the application. With this funding boost we have been able to create the new jobs to employ the additional staff we need much faster."

Gary Roe, business growth and investment manager for Advance Northumberland, worked with the business to identify the rural funding opportunity and complete the successful application.

He said: "Investment in this vital capital plant and equipment will mean Lynx Precast has the financial opportunity to expand or diversify into new markets faster than planned, stimulating job creation with 10 new jobs for local people which is great news. The new facility will give the business control over delivery periods, increase margins and make it more competitive."

The North East Rural Growth Network has committed more than £5m in grant funding – 92% of its available funds – which will leverage more than £20m in public and private sector investment.

To date, more than half of the 321 planned new jobs arising from this investment have been created.

The programme is being delivered from March 2015 to March 2020 with £6m funding from the North East LEP.

Kier boss to lead review

KIER Group has announced that new boss Andrew Davies will lead a strategic review of the embattled construction firm.

The firm said the review will consider ways of "further simplifying Kier" to create a more focused group.

It will also examine the allocation of capital resources across the group and ways to improve cash generation and reduce debt.

Mr Davies was appointed chief executive of the FTSE 250 business in March and joined officially on Monday.

He replaces former boss Haydn Mursell, who left in the wake of Kier's £250m emergency rights issue, which was snubbed by nearly two-thirds of investors.

Mr Davies was due to take on the top job at failed outsourcer Carillion, but the group went bust before he could take up the role.

The conclusion of his Kier review will be announced in July. Kier – which is working on the new HS2 railway line – saw shares rise more than 3% to 359.7p after the announcement.

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Deal or no deal, settlement scheme is now set in stone

ALISTAIR **WESTWOOD**

AS the process for the UK to leave the European Union continues on, the potential impact on staff and their families is high on the agenda for many businesses across the North East.

Whilst debate continues about the future immigration system – with the Government recently publishing initial proposals – I know many businesses are facing practical questions today from existing staff about their future in the UK.

The EU Settlement Scheme is now fully open. Regardless of if we have a 'deal' or 'no deal' Brexit, all EU nationals living in the UK will need to complete this process to stay long-term. But there's no rush. The deadline is June 30, 2021, or in no deal December 31, 2020.

It is free and straightforward to apply. There is an app allowing EU citizens to avoid having to send off their passports in the post. Happily, this will be available on Apple devices, not only Android, by the end of the year.

To date many businesses have been reluctant to communicate with staff about Brexit due to uncertainty. But the EU Settlement Scheme is set in stone – deal or no deal.

Businesses can play a positive role in reducing uncertainty by communicating these facts to their staff. Staff value information from a trusted source and light touch communications can go a long way in boosting employee relations.

I have been particularly impressed with the good work already being done by many businesses in the North East to communicate and support their staff.

Turning to the future immigration system, the Government white paper in its current form does not meet the country's needs and would act as a sucker punch for firms across the North East and the rest of the UK.

The paper outlines a new proposed new visa system which could prevent firms employing overseas workers earning under a set threshold – £30,000 has been proposed – for more than a year. This would directly impact businesses in the North East.

Across the region, 72% of workers earn less than £30,000 per year – indeed the average wage here is £21,636, below the UK average. In the accommodation and hospitality sector alone, one in 20 workers are nationals of European Economic Area (EEA) countries.

Continued access to overseas workers after Brexit is vital to drive growth, innovation and prosperity in the region.

The Government's current proposals risk causing significant harm at a time of uncertainty for business and will make the North East poorer.

Leaving the EU should be an opportunity to develop an independent immigration policy that works for business by being both open to allow our economy to grow and controlled to restore public confidence.

We are now in a 12-month engagement period and the Government must use this time to listen to our businesses and go back to the drawing board.

Alistair Westwood is deputy regional director of the CBI

Exciting expansion plans for growing IT company

AN IT company with a base on Teesside has received a six-figure investment to continue its growth plans.

Razorblue, which has an office in Wynyard as well as sites in Catterick, Leeds, Manchester and London, has secured a six-figure investment from NPIF – FW Capital Debt Finance, managed by FW Capital and part of the Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund (NPIF).

The firm specialises in managed IT and security services, super-fast connectivity, cloud and hosting and business software solutions across a broad range of industries, working with major retailers, manufacturers, professional services businesses and hotels.

The company was started by CEO Dan Kitchen from his family home when he was just 17. After leaving college to work for himself, he started to grow the company, which moved to its headquarters in Catterick in 2009.

Today, the company employs 80 staff and boasts several multimillion-pound contracts. The investment comes as razorblue, which offers clients around-the-clock support, has expanded into the North West with the acquisition of J-Media IT Managed Services.

Mr Kitchen said: "This investment will support our growth plans following the acquisition of our new business in the North West. Our partnership with FW Capital will help us continue to move our strategy forward in the coming months, and we are very grateful to be working with a partner that understands our business."

Keith Barnes, investment executive at FW Capital, said: "razorblue has seen annual growth of 30-35% in recent years and this forecast is set to continue. We are delighted to invest in such a dynamic company during this exciting time of expansion and wish Dan and the team the best of luck."

The Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund is run by the British Business Bank and aims to cut the gap in funding options that currently exists between firms in the North and those in the South. It is supported using funding from the European Regional Development Fund.

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Rentokil	366¼ +2¼
Ricardo	700 +4
Serco	126¼ +1¼
Travis Pk	1427+28½
Vp	790 -45

Tech Hardw & Eqp	-0.7% ▼
BATM Ad Com	47¼ +½
Northamber	29
Spirent Cms	144 -1

Tobacco	+0.9% ▲
BritAmerTob	3123½+34½
Imperial Brnds.	2515 +8½

Travel & Leisure	-0.2% ▼
Compass	1753½ -39½
EI Group	209¼ +⅛
FirstGroup	100⅛ +1¼
Fuller ST A	1132½ -17½
Go-Ahead Gp	1890 +12
Greene King	660⅝ -3⅛
IntercontHtls	4839 +6½
Intl Cons Airl	543⅝ +¾
Marston's	100½ +⅞
Mill & Copth	452
Mtchlls&Btlrs	270 +4½
Nat Express	414
Rank	161 +1
Restrnt Gp	125¼ +3¼
Sportech	36¼ +¾
Stagecoach	120¼ -¼
Thomas Cook	24¼ +1⅛
Wetherspoon	1326 -10
Whitbread	4835 -4

Utilities	+0.3% ▲
Centrica	109 -¼
National Grid	820⅛ +3⅛
Pennon	732¼ +⅝
Severn Trnt	1962½ +9½
Utd Utilities	824⅛ +3⅛

AIM	+0.6% ▲
600 Gp	13½
Abbey	14½
ADVFN	25
AndrSykes	615 +5
Aortech Intl	73½ -1
Celtic	162½
Clear Leisure	⅛
Earthport	36½ -¼
Eckoh	38¼
Filtronic	8⅛
Forbidden Tc	6⅛
Gooch&Hsgo	1340 +50
IG Design Gp	590 -10
Immunodg S	175
Lok'n Store	496
London Sec	1940
Mirada	¼
Nichols	1675 +5
On-line	133
Parkmead Gp	70¼ -1⅛
Proteome Sci	2⅞ -¼
Publishing Tech	126
Renew Hdgs	390 -3½
Scapa	370+14½
Shore Capital	225 +1
Sigma Capital	107½
Tiziana Life Sci	51½
Vela Tech	⅛
Walker G	61 +4½
WestmntEngy	15
Young Br NV	1075
Zytronic	342½

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52 WEEK HIGH	DATE	LOW	DATE	STOCK	SECTOR	PRICE		VARIATION DAY	5 Dy	P/E	Y'LD
55	3008	24	2702	Applied Graph	AIM	30½		+½	+1	0.00	0.00
625¼	0404	434	1712	Barratt Devel	Household Goods	618¼	xd	+¼	+2¼	9.31	4.40
3433	1505	2419	1012	Bellway	Household Goods	3190		+16	+46	7.54	4.60
173	2602	130	2903	Carrs Group	Food Producers	142½		-13½	-9½	10.96	2.90
8¼	0409	2¾	2203	e-Therapeutics	AIM	3		-⅛	-⅛	0.00	0.00
29	2809	5¼	1501	Filtronic	AIM	8¾				14.37	0.00
1621⅝	3011	1407⅜	1904	GlaxoSmithKline . Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology		1550	xd	-1¼	-44	20.98	5.20
2078	2202	1388	1607	Go-Ahead Gp	Travel & Leisure	1890	xd	+12	-32	10.37	5.40
322	1705	205¾	2712	Grainger	Real Estate	256		+⅛	+12⅛	13.43	2.10
1859	2003	942	2407	Greggs	Food & Drug Retailers	1852		+11	+21	28.37	1.90
363	0606	274	0301	Hargreaves Services	AIM	299		-1	-7	18.54	2.40
269	0905	167½	1103	Immunodiagnostic Sys	AIM	175				41.70	1.00
31⅛	3108	21¼	1804	Kromek	AIM	24½		+	-¼	0.00	0.00
294	2708	213	2812	LSL Property Services	Support Services	265	xd	-11	-13½	15.27	3.90
85	2007	63	0904	Northern Bear	AIM	66¼		+2¼	+1¾	6.11	6.20
446⅛	1307	360	2112	Northgate	Support Services	375		+½	+3	11.62	4.80
28½	1401	21	0111	Petards Group	AIM	23½			-2	11.70	0.00
716¾	0304	525⅝	2410	Sage Group	Software & Computer Services	708¾		+2¾	-1⅛	26.01	2.30
253½	0504	195	2509	SCS Group	General Retailers	248½		+1½	-5	9.26	6.60
83	1504	15½	3004	Shield Therapeutics	AIM	83		+2	+7½	0.00	0.00
103½	1101	103½	1101	TOC Property	Equity Investment Instruments	103½				22.80	5.80
52	1906	33½	2703	Vertu Motors	AIM	35¼			+	5.62	4.30
138½	1704	96	3011	Vianet Group	AIM	125½			+8	19.20	4.50
526	3007	302½	2412	Zytronic	AIM	342½			+5	15.10	6.70

REPORTED YESTERDAY

Company Name	Period	Profit/Loss	Dividend
No data reported.			

REPORTING TODAY

Finals: ASA Resource Group, Card Factory, Flowtech Fluidpower, JD Sports Fashion, Parity Group, Telit Communications.
Interims: None Scheduled.
AGMs & EGMs: Eland Oil & Gas.

NOTE: List is not necessarily comprehensive as companies are not obliged to notify the Stock Exchange of imminent announcements

MARKET UPDATE

Tourist rates

Australia	1.7295	dollars
Canada	1.6616	dollars
Egypt	20.00	pounds
Euro	1.1036	euro
Hong Kong	9.7298	dollars
India	79.82	rupees
Israel	4.2047	shekels
Japan	139.35	yen
New Zealand	1.7988	dollars
Norway	10.59	krone
Pakistan	174.07	rupees
Poland	4.3504	zlotys
Saudi Arabia	4.5851	riyals
Singapore	1.6494	dollars
South Africa	17.15	rand
Sweden	11.57	krona
Switzerland	1.248	francs
Thailand	37.16	baht
Turkey	7.2001	new lira
USA	1.2488	dollars

Popular shares

6525	4927	AstraZeneca	5994	+6	
216⅝	146⅛	Barclays	167⅞	+1¼	
264⅝	203	BT Gp	227⅞	+2½	
2192	215	Experian	2157	-35	
1621⅝	1407⅜	GlaxoSmithKline	1550	xd	-1¼
745¼	600¼	HSBC Hldgs	655⅞	-2¼	
5214¼	4145¾	IntercontI Htls	4839	xd	+6½
726⅝	504	Intl Cons Airl	543⅝	+¾	
67⅝	50	Lloyds Banking Gp	65⅛	xd	+⅛
314½	242⅜	Marks & Spencer	278¾	+½	
291⅞	241⅝	Mitchells & Butlers	270	+4½	
1954½	1340	Prudential	1702	xd	+30
2841	2227	Ryl Dutch Shell B	2490½	-14½	
716¾	525⅛	Sage Group	708⅝	+2¼	
341½	223¾	Sainsbury	234⅛	-⅛	
266¼	189½	Tesco	249¼	+2¼	
4486	3861	Unilever	4346	-18	
214	131⅜	Vodafone	142½	+2	

World index

FTSE 100 Down 0.19 at 7436.87 ▼	Sterling Index Unchanged at 79.61	Gold fix Down $8.60 at $1285.70 ▼
Pound/Euro Up 0.0020 at 1.1589 ▲	Pound/Dollar Up 0.0019 at 1.3104 ▲	SEAQ trading volume yesterday 3550.27m

▼ Hong Kong	29810.72	-99.04
▲ Tokyo	22169.11	+298.55
▲ Frankfurt	12020.28	+20.35
▼ New York	26333.78	-78.52

Key indicators

Base rate (Mar)	0.75pc
Nationwide bse mge rate	4.24pc
Gold (London)	$1285.70 oz -$8.60
Oil Brent (Jan)	$71.55 brl +$0.72

Inflation		month	year
RPI (Aug 87=100)	285.0	+0.7	+2.5%
RPIX (target 2.5%)	285.4	+0.7	+2.4%
CPI (Jul 15=100, tgt 2%)	106.8	+0.4	+1.8%
Halifax house price index			
All (Dec)	731.4	-1.4%	+2.5%
Unemployment Nov-Jan			1.34m

There's more than just a mayoral contest next month

People in the North of Tyne area will be picking a mayor next month. But there are also elections in five metropolitan councils. We take a look at their current make-up and the candidates who will be vying for your votes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

■ **What kind of council is it?**

Newcastle City Council is the local authority for the metropolitan borough of Newcastle upon Tyne and is based at Newcastle Civic Centre.

■ **How many councillors are up for election?**

One third of the council's seats are up for grabs on May 2 - one in each of the city's 26 wards. The only exception to that is in Monument ward, where two councillors will be elected following the recent resignation of Labour's Rosie Hogg.

Last year, the authority held 'all out' elections in which all 78 of the council's seats were contested following an overhaul of the city's electoral ward boundaries.

Of the three successful candidates in each ward last year, the one with the least votes would serve only a one-year term and be up for re-election this year.

■ **What is the current make-up of the council?**

Labour maintained a strong grip on the council at last year's elections, taking 56 seats compared to the Liberal Democrats 19 and the three independents in Chapel ward.

However, two recent resignations - Rosie Hogg in Monument and Judy Pearce in South Jesmond - mean that the ruling group currently has just 54 councillors, with two vacancies.

The Labour group is led by leader of the council, Nick Forbes, and the Liberal Democrats are led by Anita Lower.

Newcastle has been predominantly a Labour-held council and was red between 1974 and 2004. The Liberal Democrats were in control between 2004 and 2011 under the leadership of Peter Arnold, John Shipley and David Faulkner.

■ **Who is the leader of the council?**

Nick Forbes, who has been a councillor representing the Westgate ward - now Arthur's Hill - since he was 26, in 2000. He became leader in 2011 and is also leader of Labour's Local Government Association group.

Coun Forbes sought the nomination to become Labour's candidate in the North of Tyne mayoral race, but lost out to Momentum-backed Jamie Driscoll - one of his own city councillors. While that defeat has thrown Coun Forbes' future into question, he has pledged to put his name forward once again when the Labour group selects its leader in May. His council seat is not due up for re-election until 2021.

■ **Which seats are being fought over?**

All eyes will be on the battle for Ouseburn on election night, after Labour managed to oust Liberal Democrat Gareth Kane by a margin of just 12 votes this time last year. The former councillor is bidding to win back his seat this year from Labour's Stephen Powers, and the two have been embroiled in a row recently over the future of the Shieldfield GP Surgery.

North Jesmond is the only ward in the city where there is currently a Labour-Lib Dem split. The opposition party's Gerry Keating will face a battle to hang onto his seat amid another challenge from Labour's Alex Hay, who he defeated by 76 votes in 2018.

It might be worth keeping an eye on Labour's position in the West Fenham and Wingrove wards, too. While those areas are traditionally Labour strongholds, the ruling party took some severe criticism last summer over its plans to open a drug and alcohol recovery hub inside Fenham Library and might be fearful of a drop in support amid a packed field of candidates.

■ **Where are the high-profile candidates standing?**

There are a few of Labour's big hitters up for re-election - cabinet members Nick Kemp and Habib Rahman in the Labour strongholds of Byker and Elswick respectively.

Jeremy Beecham, the city's former council leader and a Labour peer in the House of Lords, is also looking to keep hold of the council seat he has held since 1967 in the Benwell and Scotswood ward.

■ **What are the issues getting people talking?**

Without doubt, the biggest talking point around the council right now is the prospect of a clean air toll being imposed on the city's roads.

Opposition parties will be looking to capitalise on the unpopularity of the idea of potentially charging drivers to cross the Tyne Bridge, while Labour's task will be to convince the electorate of their message that the Tory government has left them with no choice but to introduce a charge.

The shadow of Brexit will be looming large across the UK's local elec-

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Time out EXTRA

who, what, where, when?

WHO... was the U.S. president born in Stonewall, Texas, in 1908?
WHAT... is a water-filled ditch surrounding a castle called?
WHERE... in the UK is Cheddar, famous for its cheese production?
WHEN... were the British defeated at the Battle of Lake Erie?

remember when...

The following events all occurred in a year in living memory. Can you guess the year?

1. The British government banned embroidery on women's underwear and nightwear
2. Salvador Dali published his autobiography
3. Comedian Billy Connolly was born
4. Walt Disney had another cinematic hit with Bambi

Answer

impossipuzzles

That's quite a family," said Alan. "How old are you yourself?"

"A teaser for you." Greg chuckled. "There are five of us boys spaced evenly 2 years apart, and I'm the oldest. I'm one and a half times as old as my youngest brother."

How old was he?

wordwise

The word may sound familiar, but what does it mean?

KERSEY
A Hydrated oxide of sodium and boron
B Crude paraffin-oil
C Coarse woollen cloth

who am I?

An actress and singer, I was born in New York in 1942. I began my career singing in nightclubs, which led to performances on Broadway. I have won numerous awards for my TV and film appearances, and I showed my versatility in the 1983 film musical Yentl, which I scripted, produced, directed and starred in.

10 questions

1. Ganymede, the largest moon in our solar system, belongs to which planet?
2. Which actor played the lead role of mob boss Tony Soprano in the classic US crime show The Sopranos?
3. Newcastle-born singer, songwriter and playwright Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner is better known by what name?
4. Which North East racecourse is the most northerly National Hunt course in England?
5. A temperature reading of -273.15 degrees Celsius is known as what?
6. Who directed the 1980 horror film The Shining?
7. Leonardo Da Vinci's 15th-century mural, The Last Supper, is located in what city?
8. What is the capital city of Canada?
9. The 1989 film Major League is a comedy about which sport?
10. What Winter Olympic sport features stones, sheets, pebbles, and houses?

answers

WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN: Lyndon B. Johnson; A moat; Somerset; 1813.
REMEMBER WHEN: 1942
IMPOSSIPUZZLES: Greg was 24 years old.
WORDWISE: C
WHO AM I: Barbra Streisand.
10 QUESTIONS: 1 Jupiter, 2 James Gandolfini, 3 Sting, 4 Hexham, 5 Absolute zero, 6 Stanley Kubrick, 7 Milan, 8 Ottawa, 9 Baseball, 10 Curling.

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tions this year and both of Newcastle's main parties have stated their firm opposition to leaving the EU.

The swingeing budget cuts that Newcastle City Council continues to face are also an inescapable reality of this election - the cash-strapped authority says it has to slash another £60m from its books by 2022.

How those cuts will affect the future of services like social care, libraries, and recycling centres across the city will play a key role when voters go to the polls.

Full list of candidates:

Arthur's Hill
Joanne Kingsland - Labour and Co-op
Adam Mitchell - It's time to put Newcastle first
Luigi Murton - Conservative
Shehla Naqvi - Green
William Shepherd - Liberal Democrat
Benwell and Scotswood
Tom Adams - Green
Hans Andersen - Liberal Democrat
Jeremy Beecham - Labour
Liam Bones - Conservative
Jason Smith - It's time to put Newcastle first
Ernest Thornton - UKIP
Blakelaw
Rachel Dunfield - Green
Linda Hobson - Labour
Gerry Langley - Conservative
Tony Sanderson - UKIP
Bill Schardt - Liberal Democrat
Byker
Jacqui Gilchrist - Independent
Nick Hartley - Green
Nick Kemp - Labour
Stephen Psallidas - Liberal Democrat
Neil Ruston - UKIP
Tom Towle - Conservative
Callerton and Throckley
Lyle Darwin - Conservative
Ian Donaldson - It's time to put Newcastle first
Idwal John - Green
Aleisha Stansfield - Liberal Democrat
Marion Williams - Labour
Castle
Ali Avaei - Liberal Democrat
Rachel Locke - Independent
Tim Marron - UKIP
Andrew Thorp - Green
Mary Toward - Conservative
Gordana Vasic - Labour
Chapel
Beryl Condra - Conservative
Sandra Davison - Independent
Bill Purvis - Labour
Olga Shorton - Independent
Judith Steen - Liberal Democrat
Dene and South Gosforth
Nick Arnold - Labour
Jason Birt - Conservative
Anna Foster - Green
Henry Gallagher - Liberal Democrat
David Muat - UKIP
Denton and Westerhope
Simon Barnes - Labour
Leanne Conway-Wilcox - Conservative
Ian McKinnell - UKIP
Tracey Mitchell - Local Community Candidate
Brian Moore - Independent
Jackie Slesenger - Liberal Democrat
Elswick
Margaret Birkmyre - Conservative
David Faulkner - Liberal Democrat
Habib Rahman - Labour
Peter Thomson - Green
Fawdon and West Gosforth
Steve Axford - Conservative
Sandy Irvine - Green
Peter Lovatt - Liberal Democrat
Adam Walker - Labour
Gosforth
Craig Dawson - Labour and Co-op
Alistair Ford - Green
Steve Kyte - Conservative
Tom Woodwark - Liberal Democrat
Heaton
Christopher Boyle - Liberal Democrat
John Dobie - Conservative
Andew Gray - Green
John-Paul Stephenson - Labour
Kenton
Robert Austin - Liberal Democrat
Anya Durrant - Labour and Co-op
Oisin Gourley - Socialist Alternative
Alison Wake - Conservative
Kingston Park South and Newbiggin Hall
Scott Jewitt - Conservative
Jacqui Robinson - Labour
Colin Steen - Liberal Democrat
Lemington
Simon Bell - Conservative
Rick Dunfield - Green
John Gordon - It's time to put Newcastle first
Robert Petrie - Liberal Democrat
Kyle Webster - Labour
Manor Park
Paul Dyer - Conservative
Matthew Folker - Liberal Democrat
Charlie Gray - Labour
Monument (2 seats available)
Hamed Aghajari - Liberal Democrat
Cliff Brown - Green
Teresa Carins - Labour
Stephen Dawes - Conservative
Richard Fleetwood - Liberal Democrat
Shumel Rahman - Labour
Dewi Roberts - Conservative
North Jesmond
Alex Hay - Labour
Gerry Keating - Liberal Democrat
Kitty Lau - Conservative
Tony Waterston - Green
Ouseburn
Alastair Bonnett - Green
Jason Carr - Conservative
Gareth Kane - Liberal Democrat
Stephen Powers - Labour
Parklands
John Hall - Independent
James Milne - Green
Christine Morrissey - Liberal Democrat
Laura Repton - Labour
John Urquhart - Independent
John Watts - Conservative
South Jesmond
Clare Andrews - Green
Deborah Burns - Liberal Democrat
Martin Levy - Communist Party of Britain
Ian MacGlip - Conservative
Lesley Storey - Labour
Walker
Joan Atkin - Conservative
Glen Bolton - UKIP
Adrin Neatrour - Liberal Democrat
Margaret Wood - Labour
Walkergate
Andrew Bulman - Conservative
Ian Farrelly - UKIP
Paul Frew - Labour
Deborah Gallagher - Liberal Democrat
Daryl Hughes - Green
West Fenham
Sarah Armstrong - It's time to put Newcastle first
Sylvia Copley - Labour
Libby Dicken - Liberal Democrat
Tay Pitman - Green
John Richardson - UKIP
Ken Wake - Conservative
Wingrove
Joseph Eldridge - It's time to put Newcastle first
Kami Kundi - Liberal Democrat
John Pearson - Green
Rebecca Shatwell - Labour
Lauren Sykes - Conservative

> Habib Rahman

NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL

■ **What kind of council is it?**

North Tyneside Council is the local government authority for the metropolitan borough of North Tyneside.

Based at the Quadrant building at the Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, the council is currently controlled by Labour and led by elected Mayor, Labour councillor Norma Redfearn

■ **How many councillors are up for election?**

Twenty of North Tyneside's councillor posts are set to be contested when voters go to the polls on May 2.

North Tyneside has 60 councillors, three representing each of the 20 wards in the borough. At a local election one seat in every ward is contested. Each councillor must stand for re-election after four years' service.

Elections will be taking place in all 20 wards of North Tyneside.

■ **What is the current make-up of the council?**

The ruling Labour group has 52 seats, while there are six Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat and one Independent.

The Labour group is led by elected Mayor, councillor Norma Redfearn, while the opposition Conservative group is led by councillor Judith Wallace.

■ **Who is the leader of the council?**

North Tyneside Council is led by elected Mayor, Labour councillor Norma Redfearn. She previously represented Riverside ward from 2004 until her election as mayor.

■ **What are the issues getting people talking?**

In common with many authorities budget cuts have forced North Tyneside Council to make tough choices, and it voted to slash spending by £27m over the next four years. It also increased the council's part of the council tax by 2.99%, equating to an annual rise of £30.45 for a band A property and £45.68 for a band D.

The Conservative group made an issue of this when it objected and launched a failed bid to push through an alternative budget which would have seen a 1% rise in council tax and a freeze on the council tax rate for homes where taxpayers are over 65.

They also suggested restoring weekly bin collections, spending extra money on roads and pavement repairs, as well as investing in seafront regeneration and extra large bins and dog waste bins.

They suggested funding this by reducing the number of full-time trade union staff paid for by the authority, savings in management costs, treasury costs, reviewing the use of consultants and the subscriptions paid and sharing services.

Full list of election candidates by ward

Battle Hill
Julie Elizabeth Cruddas - Labour
Maureen Jeffrey - Conservative
Gary Mark Turnbull - UKIP

Benton
Maureen Gallon - UKIP
Janet Hunter - Labour
David Wallace Lilly - Conservative

Camperdown
Christopher Fox - Conservative
Raymond Glindon - Labour
Ryan Robert Overton - UKIP

Chirton
Stephen Patrick Bones - Conservative
Norman Alan Percy - Labour
Mick Terrill - UKIP

Collingwood
Jane McEachan - UKIP
Martin Rankin - Labour
Robert James White - Conservative

Cullercoats
Ken Barrie - Conservative
Pamela Ann Hood - UKIP
Bob Jeffrey - Labour
John Graham Morley - The Green Party

Howdon
Liam Adam Bones - Conservative
John Lawrence Langford Harrison - Labour
Neil Mather - UKIP

Killingworth
Christopher Johnston - Conservative
Brian Needham - UKIP
Erin Louise Parker-Leonard - Labour

Longbenton
Jack Bell - Conservative
Connor Geno Cervantes - UKIP
Karen Anne Clark - Labour

Monkseaton North
Lewis James Austin - Conservative
Stephen Borlos - UKIP
David Nisbet - Liberal Democrat
Paul Charles William Richardson - Labour
Simon Roffe - Green Party

Monkseaton South
Frank Stephen Austin - Conservative
Jack Henry Cervantes - UKIP
David Thomas Drummond - Labour
Michael Andrew Newton - Green Party
George Mann Partis - Independent

Northumberland
Fearghall Ambrose Namgyal Allonby - UKIP
Andrew Sean Newman - Labour
David Alan Sarin - Conservative

Preston
Sue Rodgerson - Conservative
Sylvia Marie Simpson - UKIP
Matt Wilson - Labour and Co-Operative Party

Riverside
Wendy Lott - Labour
Stephen Thomas Lowrey - Conservative
Nick Martin - The Green Party
Phyllis Eleanor Masters - UKIP

St Mary's
Janet Elizabeth Appleby - Liberal Democrat
William Hugh Jackson - UKIP
Leslie John Miller - Conservative
Martin Murphy - Labour

Tynemouth
Lewis Carlo Bartoli - Conservative
Karen Louise Bolger - Labour
Henry Marshall - UKIP
Alan Steele - The Green Party

Valley
Carole Burdis - Labour
Jim Davey - UKIP
Steven John Leyland - The Green Party
Miriam Smith - Conservative

Wallsend
Glynis Barrie - Conservative
Martin William Collins - The Green Party
Tony Kearney - UKIP
Matthew Brian Thirlaway - Labour

Weetslade
Irene Winifred Davidson - UKIP
Muriel Anne Green - Labour
Barbara Ellen Stevens - Conservative

Whitley Bay
Chris Brown - Conservative
David Cory - UKIP
John O'Shea - Labour
Sophie Joanna Reid-McGlinn - The Green Party
Darryl George Roe - Liberal Democrat

> North Tyneside Council offices at Cobalt Business Park

> Norma Redfearn, elected Mayor of North Tyneside

J2 Agenda

SUNDERLAND

■ **How many seats are up for grabs?**

In total, 131 prospective councillors are set to contest 26 seats in 25 city council wards.

A notable absence from the race in the St Chad's ward, however, will be ex-Mayor of Sunderland and current councillor Stuart Porthouse, who has been suspended from the Labour Party, pending investigation, after sharing an interview featuring ex-Labour MP George Galloway on social media.

Coun Porthouse said: "It's one of those things, there's a long story to it which I'm not allowed to discuss.

"I expect some resolution [in the future] which I will be defending very rigorously, but I cannot comment on it, there's nothing I can add."

Coun Phil Tye, chairman of the Sunderland Labour group, said: "He [Coun Porthouse] is still suspended, pending investigation, by the national constitution committee of the Labour Party, so until such time as that's been concluded he is unable to be a candidate for the Labour Party."

Asked how long Coun Porthouse's investigation could take to resolve, Coun Tye added: "It certainly wasn't [going to be] in time to be able to get the papers in, so we had to go with an alternative candidate."

■ **Are there any other areas to watch out for?**

Also up for election is the former Washington South seat of disgraced ex-councillor Paul Middleton, who was expelled from the Labour Party after pleading guilty to attempting to sexually communicate with a child under the age of 16 last year.

And in the Sandhill ward, voters will be asked to vote for two councillors, following the decision of Coun Lynn Appleby to step down.

The former Coun Appleby was forced to sit 'without party badge' despite being elected as a Liberal Democrat last year, following a row over offensive social media posts.

Here is the he full list of candidates by ward:

Barnes:
Allison Allen - UKIP
Tim Ellis - Liberal Democrat
Josh Flynn - Green Party candidate
Ian Macadam Galbraith - Labour Party
Helen Greener - The Conservative Party Candidate
Castle:
Stephen Paul Foster - Labour Party
Linda Hudson - UKIP
Bryan Witherwick Reynolds - The Conservative Party Candidate
Copt Hill:
Reg Coulson - UKIP
Esme Rose Stafford Featherstone - Green Party candidate
Pat Francis - The Conservative Party Candidate
Melanie Thornton - Labour Party
Doxford:
Richard Peter Bradley - Green Party candidate
John Defty - UKIP
Colin English - Labour Party
Heather Fagan - Liberal Democrat
John Scott Wiper - The Conservative Party Candidate
Fulwell:
Margaret Beck - Labour Party
Malcolm John Bond - Liberal Democrat
James Clark Doyle - The Conservative Party Candidate
Tracey Hull - UKIP
Robert Welsh - Green Party candidate
Hendon:
George Edward Brown - The Conservative Party Candidate
Kristian Brown - Independent
Thomas Crawford - Liberal Democrat
Martin Edward Moore - UKIP
Gary Ogle - Green Party candidate
Lynda Scanlan - Labour Party
Hetton:
Neville Edward Chamberlin - The Conservative Party Candidate
Glyn Dixon - Democrats and Veterans Party
David William Geddis - Independent
Michael Robert Hopper - UKIP
Rachel Louise Lowe - Green Party candidate
Doris Turner - Labour Party
Houghton:
Chris Crozier - Green Party candidate
Raymond Hall Davison - The Conservative Party
Juliana Heron - Labour Party
Sheila Quigley - UKIP
Mick Watson - Independent
Millfield:
Syed Ajmol Ali - The Conservative Party Candidate

> Sunderland Civic Centre

Joe Cobb - The For Britain Movement
Paul Holt - UKIP
Helmut Izaks - Green Party
Thomas Edward Newton - Labour Party
Julia Kay Potts - Liberal Democrat Focus Team
Pallion:
Michael David Gutowski - UKIP
Martin Haswell - Liberal Democrat
David Lawson - Green Party candidate
Richard Mulvaney - Labour Party
Grant Shearer - The Conservative Party Candidate
Redhill:
Keith Jenkins - UKIP
Iain William Kay - Labour and Co-operative Party
Rafal Kazimierz Marzec - Green Party candidate
Sunderland) Michael Winter - The Conservative Party Candidate
Ryhope:
Ellen Ball - Labour and Co-operative Party
Steven John Bewick - UKIP
Andrei Siegfried Lucaci - The Conservative Party Candidate
Emma Robson - Green Party candidate
Keith Townsend - Liberal Democrat
Sandhill (two councillors to be elected):
Hugh Clinton - UKIP
William Cowe - UKIP
Margaret Gillian Crosby - Liberal Democrat
Nathan Davison - Labour Party
Joanne Laverick - Labour Party
Alexandra Margaret Mills - Green Party candidate
Tony Morrow - Populist Party
Stephen Francis O`Brien - Liberal Democrat
Christine Mary Reed - The Conservative Party Candidate
Thomas Such - The Conservative Party Candidate
Shiney Row:
Nana Boddy - Liberal Democrat
Kevin Bunker - Populist Party
Richard Elvin - UKIP
Clair Rachel Hall - The Conservative Party Candidate
Katy Anne Sawyer - Green Party candidate
Geoffrey Arthur Walker - Labour and Co-operative Party
Silksworth:
Brian Clare - Populist Party
Gwennyth Gibson - The Conservative Party Candidate
Peter Gibson - Labour Party
Kay Rowham - UKIP
Neil Shaplin - Green Party candidate
Southwick:
Michael John Butler - Labour Party
Anna Debska - Green Party candidate
Christopher James Marshall - Independent
Liam Christopher Ritchie - The Conservative Party Candidate
Peter Arnold Walton - Liberal Democrat
David White - UKIP
St Anne's:
Billy Scott Howells - Green Party candidate
Pam Mann - UKIP
Emma Jane Neale - Liberal Democrat
Alison Smith - Labour Party
Gavin William Wilson - The Conservative Party Candidate
St Chad's:
Scott Andrew Burrows - Green Party candidate
Alan Davies - UKIP
Gillian Edith Galbraith - Labour Party
Dominic McDonough - The Conservative Party Candidate
Colin Richard Nicholson - Liberal Democrat
St Michael's:
John Leonard Appleton - Green Party candidate
Stewart Ingram - Labour Party
Diana Malene Stephanie Talbott Matthew - Liberal Democrat
Ian William Walton - UKIP
Peter Robin Wood - The Conservative Party Candidate
St Peter's:
Barry Stanley Curran - Labour Party
Rachel Sara Featherstone - Green Party candidate
John Anthony Lennox - Liberal Democrat
Ian Lines - UKIP
Josh McKeith - The Conservative Party Candidate
Washington Central:
Michal Chantkowski - Green Party candidate
Len Lauchlan - Labour Party
Erland Polden - UKIP
Anna Snell - The Conservative Party
Maciej Aleksander - Zagdan Liberal Democrat
Washington East:
Michael Anthony Ellis - Green Party candidate
Hilary Johnson - The Conservative Party Candidate
Fiona Margaret Ann Mackenzie Miller - Labour and Co-operative Party
Sean Terry - Liberal Democrat
Hazel Katherine - Whitfield UKIP
Washington North:
June Allyson Bradley - Green Party candidate
Carol Ann Groombridge - The Conservative Party Candidate
Kevin Morris - Liberal Democrat
Tony Ormond - UKIP
Peter Walker - Labour Party
Washington South:
Dom Armstrong - Green Party candidate
Luke Bond - UKIP
Sean Robert Laws - Labour Party
Martin John Talbot - The Conservative Party Candidate
Carlton Lee West - Liberal Democrat
Washington West:
Odet Mark Aszkenasy - Liberal Democrat
Olwyn Bird - The Conservative Party Candidate
Paul Andrew Leonard - Green Party candidate
Kevin John Sheppard - UKIP
Harry Trueman - Labour Party

SOUTH TYNESIDE

■ **What kind of council is it?**

South Tyneside Council is one of the 36 metropolitan councils in England, covering the borough of South Tyneside.

■ **How many seats are being contested?**

One seat is up for grabs in each of the borough's 18 wards except for Cleadon and East Boldon where two councillors will be elected.

■ **What is the make-up of the council?**

Following the 2018 local elections, Labour holds 53 seats while the Conservatives hold just one.

The council's ruling Labour group will be defending all seats against contenders from the Conservative Party, Green Party, UKIP Liberal Democrats and several independents.

■ **Who is the leader of the council?**

Councillor Iain Malcolm, who has served the residents of South Tyneside as an elected member since 1988.

He undertook the role of deputy leader between 2004-2008 and has served as leader of the council since May 2008.

Here is a full list of candidates

Beacon and Bents
David Roger Francis (Green Party)
Ali Hayder (Conservative)
Audrey McMillan (Labour)
Bede
Fay Cunningham (Labour)
Mary Elizabeth Golightly (Conservative)
Keith Roberts (Independent)
Biddick and All Saints
Joe Amar (Labour)
Rhiannon Sian Curtis (Green)
Stewart Thomas Hay (Conservative)
Neil Hickman (UKIP)
Boldon Colliery
Ian Armstrong (Conservative)
Bevan Vaughan John de Villiers (Liberal Democrats)
Ian Jason Diamond (Independent)
Sandra Duncan (Labour)
Colin Robert Tosh (Green Party)
Cleadon and East Boldon (two seats)
Joan Atkinson(Labour)
Colin Campbell (No party declared)
Jane Carter (Labour)
Ian Forster (Independent)
Dave Henderson (Independent)
David Herbert (Green)
Sarah Jean McKeown (Green)
Fiona Anne Milburn (Independent).
Christopher John Smith (Conservative)
Doriza Karin Wetz (Liberal Democrats)
Donald Wood (Conservative)
Cleadon Park
Stephen Jeffrey Peel (Green)
Sam Prior (Conservative)
Susan Malcolm Traynor (Labour).
Fellgate and Hedworth
Audrey Elizabeth Huntley (Labour)
John Andrew Robertson (Independent)
Joseph Stephen Todd (Conservative)
David Wilkinson (Liberal Democrats).
Harton
Rob Dix (Labour)
Oliver Raymond Raife Wallhead (UKIP)
Holly May Wright (Conservative)
Hebburn North
Sid Andrade (Liberal Democrats)
Michael Richard Ayre (Independent)
John Robert Barker (UKIP)
Adam Ellison (Labour)
Brian Goodman (Independent)
Steven James Richards (Green)
Keith Campbell Sumby (Conservative)
Hebburn South
Wilf Flynn (Labour)
Matthew Giles (Green)
Margaret Theresa Snowling (Conservative)
Stephen Wilkinson (Liberal Democrats).
Horsley Hill
Mark Ashley Auton (Conservative)
Colin Peter Lemon (Independent)
Iain Malcolm (Labour)
David James Stephen Scholey (UKIP)
Sue Stonehouse (Green).
Monkton
Vanessa Green (Conservative)
Alan Kerr (Labour)
Matthew George McKenna (Green)
Aidan Smith (Liberal Democrats)
Marian Elizabeth Stead (Independent).
Primrose
Walter Featherston Armstrong (Conservative)
Paul Dean (Labour)
Lesley Kay Hanson (Green)
Paul James Milburn (Independent)
Lynn Smith (Liberal Democrats).
Simonside and Rekendyke
Peter James Bristow (Green)
Judith Helen Taylor (Labour)
Cameron James White (Conservative).
West Park
Anne Mellanby Hetherington (Labour)
Thomas Alexander Mower (Green)
Margaret Mary Robson (Conservative)
Westoe
Elizabeth Johnson Grey (Liberal Democrats)
Paul David Linney (UKIP).
Katharine Emma Maxwell (Labour)
Glenn Michael Thompson (Independent)
Nicola Pauline Usher (Green)
Jack Oliver White (Conservative).
Whitburn and Marsden
Charles Frederick McKenzie-Smith (UKIP)
Trevor Reid Sewell (Green)
Adam Lou Stewart (Conservative)
Joyce Welsh (Labour and Co-operative Party)
Whiteleas
Ernest Matthew Gibson (Labour)
Malcolm Giles (Green)
Craig Slater (Conservative).

> Gateshead Civic Centre

GATESHEAD

■ **What kind of council is it?**

Gateshead Council is the local authority for the metropolitan borough of Gateshead and is based at Gateshead Civic Centre.

■ **How many councillors are up for election?**

Twenty-two of Gateshead's councillor posts are up for grabs when voters go to the polls on May 2. Gateshead has 66 councillors, three representing each of the 22 wards in the borough. At a local election one seat in every ward is contested. Each councillor must stand for re-election after four years' service.

Elections will be taking place in all 22 wards of Gateshead.

■ **What is the current make-up of the council?**

The ruling Labour group has 54 seats, while there are 12 Liberal Democrats.

The Labour group is led by leader of the council, Martin Gannon, and the Liberal Democrats are led by Jonathan Wallace.

■ **Who is the leader of the council?**

Martin Gannon, who was first elected as a councillor in 1984. In 2010 he was appointed as Deputy Leader and then Leader in May 2016. Coun Gannon represents the Deckham ward.

■ **What are the issues getting people talking?**

Budget cuts have dominated the agenda in Gateshead, with leader Martin Gannon saying it has become "impossible" to balance the civic centre's books, even as more than £13m was slashed from front-line services.

He also said that if the council scaled back its spending so heavily that it only funded adult social care and children's services, then it would still have a £20m shortfall by 2023. Full list of election candidates by ward:

Birtley
James Corr - UKIP
Paul Thomas Elliott - Liberal Democrat
Kathy King - The Liberal Party
Caroline Aimee Sterling - Conservative
Neil Steven Weatherley - Labour

Blaydon
Malcolm Alfred Brain - Labour
Simon David Murray Easton - Green Party
Michael Ryan Leonard - Conservative
Lisabela Zxywhiddm Marschild - Space Navies Party
Stuart John McClurey - Liberal Democrat

Bridges
Gareth Ashley Cooper - Liberal Democrat
John Rogan Gardiner - Conservative
Bob Goldsworthy - Labour

Chopwell and Rowlands Gill
John Brown - UKIP
Jean Margaret Callender - Liberal Democrat
David Mark Casteleton - Green Party
Michael McNestry - Labour
Lucinda Jane Wilson - Conservative

Chowdene
John Conor Seoirse O'Carroll - UKIP
Dawn Elizabeth Welsh - Liberal Democrat Focus Team
Keith Wood - Labour
Eric Young - Conservative

Crawcrook and Greenside
Diane Cadman - Green Party
Leonard Davidson - Conservative
Helen Elizabeth Haran - Labour
Morgan Little - UKIP
Amelia Louise Ord - Liberal Democrat

Deckham
May Ainscow - Conservative
Gary Rutherford Brooks - Green Party
Bernadette Teresa Oliphant - Labour

> Coun Martin Gannon

Norman Spours - Liberal Democrat

Dunston and Teams
Andrew Garth Blanchflower - Green Party
Stacey Louise Duggan - Liberal Democrat
Jordan-Lee Guthrie - Conservative
Gary Robert Haley - Labour
Susan Hall - Save Us Now

Dunston Hill and Whickham East
Vicky Anderson - Liberal Democrat
Isabel Mary Blanchflower - Green Party
Jak Hocking - Conservative
Chris McHugh - Labour and Co-operative Party
Graham Steele - Save Us Now

Felling
David Gilson Fawcett - Liberal Democrat
Peter Crompton Jackson - Conservative
Paul Anthony McNally - Labour

High Fell
Edward Bohill - Conservative
Elaine Brunskill - Socialist Alternative
Lynda Ann Duggan - Liberal Democrat
Jennifer Reay - Labour
Heather Rosemary White - Save Us Now

Lamesley
Sheila Everatt - Conservative
Sheila Gallagher - Labour
Betty Gallon - The Liberal Party
Christine Margaret McHatton - Liberal Democrat

Lobley Hill and Bensham
Janice Marina Hutchinson - Conservative
Eileen McMaster - Labour
Jonathan Mohammed - Independent
Andy Redfern - Green Party
Nicholas James Seaborn - Liberal Democrat

Low Fell
Ron Beadle - Liberal Democrat Focus Team
Neil Campbell Grant - Green Party
Calvin Kenneth Joseph Lawson - Labour
David William Potts - Conservative

Pelaw and Heworth
Nicholas Boldrini - Green Party
John Paul Diston - Liberal Democrat Focus Team
Jil Green - Labour
Jordan Oliver - UKIP
Paul Sterling - Conservative

Ryton, Crookhill and Stella
Steven Bailey - UKIP
Ros Cooper - Socialist Alternative
Alex Geddes - Labour
Andrew Mason - Green Party
Sandra McClurey - Liberal Democrat
Susan Mary Wilson - Conservative

Saltwell
Alan Bond - Conservative
Leanne May Brand - Liberal Democrat
Rachel Mary Cabral - Green Party
Robert Lee Waugh - Labour

Wardley and Leam Lane
Alan Robert Craig - UKIP
John Stuart Green - Labour
John Robert McNeil - Conservative
Susan Walker - Liberal Democrat

Whickham North
Jeff Bowe - Labour
John Callanan - Conservative
Christopher James Ord - Liberal Democrat

Whickham South and Sunniside
Judith Turner - Labour and Co-operative Party
Jonathan Charles Wallace - Liberal Democrat
Perry Wilson - Conservative

Windy Nook and Whitehills
Karen Therese Crozier - Liberal Democrat
Ruth Christina Grant - Green Party
Kyle Lambert Murray - Conservative
Jim Turnbull - Labour

Winlaton and High Spen
Maria Theresa Hall - Labour
Paul Martin McNally - Green Party
Lewis Ormston - Conservative
Robinson Geoffrey Stanaway - Liberal Democrat

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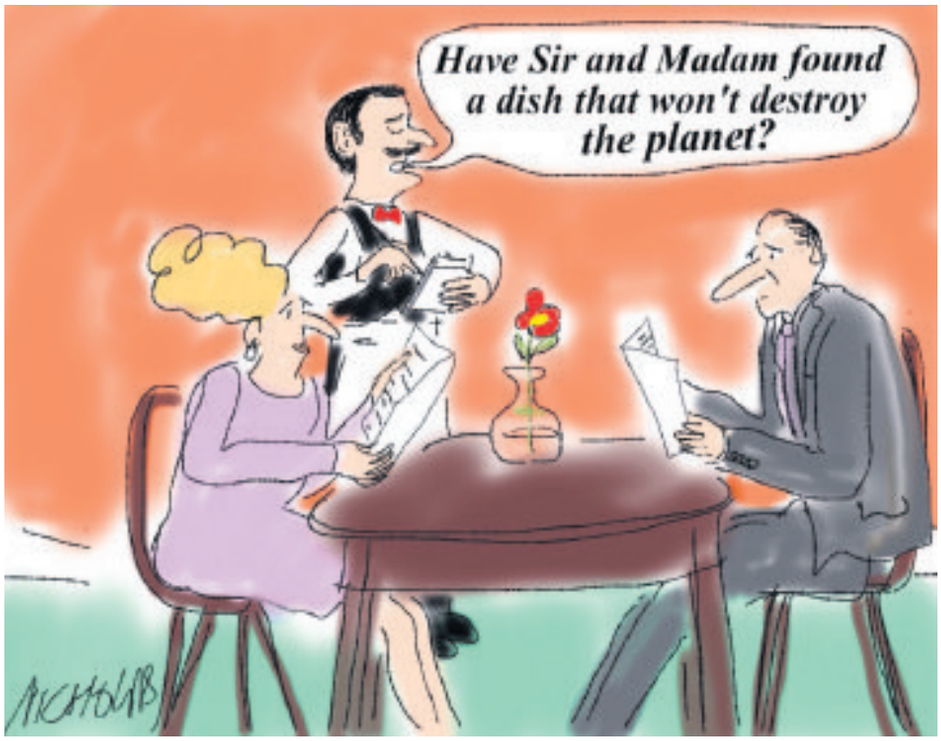

The Journal

A bridge too far

IT was the future once.

When Newcastle's aerial walkways were constructed in the 1970s they were an ambitious response to the need to separate pedestrians and cyclists from motorists.

That was seen as particularly important as the city embarked on construction of a vast network of motorways.

Except things didn't quite work out as planned, for which the people of Newcastle should be rather grateful.

What we now know as the Central Motorway was once the Central Motorway East. The Central Motorway West would have slashed a line from Barras Bridge roughly along the line of St James' Boulevard to the Redheugh Bridge. Another motorway would have run parallel to the Central Motorway East, crossing the Tyne on a new bridge about where the Millennium Bridge is now. An underground motorway would have linked all three. New Bridge Street, Jesmond Road and the A167 to Cowgate would all have been raised to motorway standard.

With all those roads, we'd have needed the walkways. But, in the event, Newcastle was saved from an orgy of bulldozing.

A stunted network of walkways remain. Most, to be honest, are not heavily used. Some stretches near Swan House roundabout and over Durant Road have been demolished and are not a great loss.

But the crossings over the motorway are vital. So it is to be hoped that plans for a new hotel off New Bridge Street do not lead to the loss of the bridge from there to Manors. It's not pretty – but it is needed.

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Sudoku and WTO rules

PETER Curtis's letter *(Leave would be irrelevant, April 12)* wonderfully illustrates the contortions that the most fervent Leave cultists undertake to justify the WTO-based no-deal they want, now, which no one mentioned nor voted for in the referendum, as Mr Curtis admits.

Before we come onto Curtis' argument, you have to ignore all of the Leave side's false promises and lies, ignoring the £350m for the NHS, Turkey joining the EU and so on and so on; just look at the Leave claims about adopting the Norway model, the Swiss model, that we'd get the easiest deal in history – note the word 'deal' – that there was 'no suggestion' of leaving the Single Market, that we wouldn't move to leave without great care and consideration.

Just ignore these promises and lies blizzarded across the airwaves, in print, on Twitter, across social media in ads targeted through purloined data, and we come to Curtis's argument that, if you stare hard enough at the single leaflet from the pro-Remain government about leaving the CU, SM, and ECJ, right ... then, with a bit of logical deduction, one must infer we would be leaving under WTO rules.

So nearly three years after the referendum, his mandate for WTO no-deal rests on ... a Sudoku.

Except his case fails because, even then, the inference doesn't preclude a deal. It simply doesn't. And he doesn't mention no-deal in his letter – just like Leave in 2016!

WTO is one of any number of other possibilities inferred or imagined by the electorate. And it doesn't work anyway because several WTO members, including the US, have already said they're unhappy with our tariff schedules.

Unfortunately his entirely open-ended Sudoku has no solution.

Even more telling is when I asked him not to ignore the 16.1 million who voted Remain, in his reply he doesn't mention the three million Europeans nationals and million Brits in Europe who had no say in their own destinies which we voted to ruin by binning Freedom of Movement for ourselves and everyone else, instead he just scoffs at it all as 'pathetic.'

This man's idea of democracy is one based on criminality, lies, and contempt for all those who disagree.

ROBIN TUDGE

A tax, but not on polluters

IN reply to T Liddle *(Journal Letters, April 8)*; VED is NOT a tax on polluters, it is a tax on motorists that varies according to the (potential) amount of CO2 emitted by the vehicle; CO2 is NOT a pollutant.

I say 'potential' because a motorist who does 5k miles/annum emitting 260g/km would pay more than four times as much as one doing 10k miles/annum with emissions of 130g/km, even though their emissions are identical.

The system is flawed, it would be more sensible to tax fuel, oh wait, they already do – fuel duty and VAT. Does T Liddle believe that without the current system using CO2 emissions as the reason, that there would be no such tax on motorists?

As for sniffing exhaust fumes, no thanks, I wouldn't fancy drinking bleach or sulphuric acid or squirting super-glue in my eyes either, it's a nonsensical point.

And I note that T Liddle didn't repeat his/her previous false claim that air-pollution causes 28,000 annual deaths in the UK, and now states that air pollution "contributes" to deaths. Quite so, and nobody knows to what degree!

DOUG SHIELD, Ponteland

View of

This 'theory' isn't proven

JACK Fletcher maintains that the children who strike in protest against climate change have "come with empirical science", *(Journal Letters, April 4)* which is complete Warmist nonsense.

The famed and much-vaunted 'Computer Model' used by the

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climate frauds to predict everything from the climate in 50 years time to temperature and sea rises has been proven to be so badly flawed that it failed to predict the global stalling of the temperature.

We know this because the climate scientists announced they couldn't understand why this had happened.

Years passed by and the embarrassment grew to such proportions they had to act.

Amazingly, the climate frauds used the Tory method for hiding the unemployment figures, they moved the goal posts.

No longer was the method for calculating the temperature rises, fine until it showed the temperature wasn't rising, the right method to gauge the temperature.

So they introduced another method of calculation, and low and behold the temperature was rising again and at an alarming rate.

Even one of those school children could have predicted that. The issue of deep sea temperatures is addressed by William Mason Gray in his peer reviewed and accepted paper, 'The physical flaws of the global warming theory and deep ocean circulation changes as the primary climate driver.'

Jack Fletcher and his colleagues in the teaching profession will clearly have heard of him as he is a pioneer of climate science, the man who envisioned, invented, and designed the hurricane and tropical storm early warning system, still used today.

What is scientific fact today becomes scientific chip wrappings tomorrow as science evolves. Only an idiot believes everything the government tells them.

Just for the record, the most abundant of those horrible green house gases the idiots want to be rid of is water vapour. I kid you not, you can check it out for yourselves.

People like Jack Fletcher want to be rid of clouds, which is part of the climate cycle.

If global warming was a fact they wouldn't call it a theory.

Chicken Licken is alive and well and getting grants from the UN but only to prove man-made global warming, they don't give grants to those who show the flaws.

Perhaps it is time teachers stopped brainwashing their pupils and give a more balanced view of the climate.

JOHN W GRAY, Washington

On this day

■ 1746: The army of Charles Stuart, the Young Pretender 'Bonnie Prince Charlie', was routed by Cumberland at the Battle of Culloden.

■ 1850: Death of Marie Tussaud, Swiss-born modeller who established the world-famous waxworks near Baker Street, London, in 1835.

■ 1889: Charlie Chaplin (later Sir Charles, *right*), English comedian, was born in London.

■ 1912: American Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

■ 1951: The British submarine Affray sank in the English Channel with the loss of 75 lives.

■ 1953: The royal yacht Britannia was launched by the Queen.

■ 1964: Twelve members of the Great Train Robbery gang were sentenced to a total of 307 years in jail.

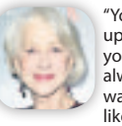
■ 2007: The Bank of England was forced to publish an open letter to the Chancellor for the first time after a shock surge in inflation to above 3%.

■ 2010: Travel chaos spread across Europe as planes were grounded in the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia as a result of an ash cloud from Iceland.

■ ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: New figures revealed that female car ownership had grown by more than a fifth in the past decade.

■ BIRTHDAYS: Joan Bakewell, TV presenter, 86; Ruth Madoc, actress, 76; Ellen Barkin, actress, 65; Nick Berry, actor, 56; Jimmy Osmond, singer, 56; Martin Lawrence, actor, 54; Max Beesley, actor, 48; Nick Pickard, actor, 44; Claire Foy, actress, 35.

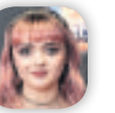
They said what?



"You set yourself up to fall flat on your face. I've always been very wary of saying 'I'd like to do this', because it is a recipe for disaster. It's better to allow things to come randomly and brilliantly" ***- Actress Dame Helen Mirren who says she made a mistake in saying she wanted to play Catherine the Great.***

"Favourite thing to do is anything that makes me feel normal. And that's hard because we still live in a bubble" ***- Michelle Obama, the former US First Lady.***

"I don't think anyone is supposed to know how to deal with celebrity. I don't know that there's anything that can be done, but I think understanding that it can drive people insane is the first step" ***- Game Of Thrones star Maisie Williams who says she does not want to become any more famous.***



"We have declared war on our nature when we declare war on the natural world. We are at war with ourselves when we are at war with our neighbour, whether that neighbour is human or non-human" ***- Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.***

"There's still a lot of women who think it is still necessary to get their kit off to sell records, especially with social media. I think that it is tragic. People have been sold a mad idea that you are taking back your sexuality" ***- Singer Paloma Faith.***

"I'm a little hoarse from yelling. I was just trying to plod my way around all day then all of a sudden I had the lead. Coming up 18 I was just trying to make a five. When I tapped in I don't know what I did, I know I screamed" ***- Golfer Tiger Woods after winning The Masters at Augusta.***

"I am literally in tears watching Tiger Woods. This is greatness like no other" ***- Tennis star Serena Williams.***

"One subtle form of triumphalism is spiritual worldliness, which represents the greatest danger, the most treacherous temptation threatening the church" ***- Pope Francis.***

"The year before I became an MP I had done panto which was pretty good preparation for it" ***- Broadcaster Gyles Brandreth.***

Bright spark

The super-bright trend isn't just for teenagers and Kardashians, says **KATIE WRIGHT**

A COMPLETE counterpoint to the swathes of beige that have swept over the fashion world lately, neon has emerged from its streetwear beginnings to become one of the year's biggest trends.

The Kardashian clan has embraced the highlighter pen trend with gusto, rocking retina-searing brights from head to toe.

Hazmat orange and tennis-ball yellow are popular with young fashionistas too – neon hues have taken over from millennial pink as the coolest colours to be seen in. But what if you're not a fan of clingy cut-out minidresses and skimpy crop tops? Fear not, there is a way to wear fluoro-brights without looking like a Kylie Jenner wannabe – and the high street is here to help.

Here are four ways to shop and style neon the grown-up way...

Hoot fluro orange two-part slim wedges, reduced to £46 from £72, Office

Coral neon faux snake courts £25.99, New Look

3 FLUORO FOOTWEAR

IF you've got a wardrobe full of LBDs and that's the way you like it, why not pop on a pair of neon shoes for a subtle step into the trend? The spring collections are full of eye-popping orange heels, so you can update your look with minimal effort.

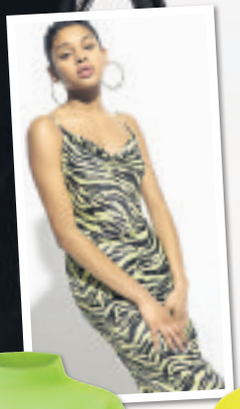
Lime pleated midi dress £75, Oasis (available in May)

Yellow neon asymmetric strap bodycon dress, reduced to £10 from £19.99, New Look

4 DAZZLING DRESSES

FOR maximum impact, you can't beat a sunny summer dress and there are some real stunners in the shops right now – from cool bodycon numbers to floaty frocks.

There's also lots of neon animal print around, which offers a slightly diluted way to wear the trend, and makes it easy to pair with black accessories.



Multi-colour zebra print camisole top £22; Neon zebra print midi skirt £38, Miss Selfridge

Joseph Ribkoff cover-up £129; top £99; trousers £129; bag £119, for stockists, see josephribkoff.com

1 THINK PINK

THERE'S no such thing as a subtle neon shade, obviously, but of them all, pink is the most approachable – not least because there's a bit of variety, from pale, washed-out pink to hottest fuchsia. One pop of pink – a lightweight sweater, for example – eases you into the trend gently. Try it with faded denim jeans, black tailored trousers or a neutral-toned slip skirt.

Washed neon sweatshirt £26, Topshop

2 SPORTY SEPARATES

GIVEN their streetwear origins, neon shades lend themselves well to sporty pieces. Think simple, long-sleeved tops or camis in lime-y brights, teamed with tapered trousers and trainers.

Neon yellow strappy cami top £10, JD Williams

Cropped neon lime sweatshirt, reduced to £20 from £25, Simply Be

Paradise sweat top £49, Hush

CRUSH OF THE WEEK

SHELTER from those April showers with this cute brolly, £30, from Fearne Cotton for Cath Kidston.

BEAUTY BUZZ

THE LATEST PRODUCTS & GLAMOUR GOSSIP

NAILED ON

DIP into these delectable new **Essie nail polishes**, inspired by the prettiest of afternoon teas. There are six sugary-sweet shades for spring, £7.99 each, and we simply can't say no.

Available from Boots and essie.co.uk

CREAM OF THE CROP

WE love the idea behind **Nursem**, a hand care range that's just arrived at Boots. Not only do the products put back what hand washing takes out, they give back to those in need of TLC. For each product sold, Nursem gives a month's worth of hand cream to an NHS nurse or midwife – people who wash their hands over 50 times a day on average while looking after patients. Priced from £7.99.

GET THE LOOK

ACTRESS Katharine McPhee, who is starring in Waitress in the West End, served up a treat on the red carpet at the recent Olivier Awards. She looked stunning in this scarlet Elie Saab dress.

You can steal her look for a fraction of the price with this dress, £12, below, from boohoo.com

I don't want to spend a fortune on products I need every day

As she prepares to welcome her third child, TV personality Stacey Solomon talks to **KATIE WRIGHT** about her new skincare ambassador role

ON a drizzly day in April, the sky outside may be grey but Stacey Solomon is lighting up a London hotel suite with her expectant mother glow.

The mum-of-two is looking forward to welcoming baby number three later this year.

Right now, however, she's got other things on her mind.

"Sometimes I forget that it's even happening," she says, patting her belly. "Because life happens and I've got the two kids and I'm running around after them. It's only when I lay down at night and I'm like, 'Oh, yeah, you're in there, you're coming soon.'"

The Loose Women panellist will be having her first child with partner Joe Swash. The baby will join Zachary, 11, and Leighton, six, her sons from previous relationships.

In addition to her regular appearances on the ITV talk show, Stacey has just been unveiled as ambassador for skincare brand YourGoodSkin, a role she was thrilled to accept since she was already a big fan of the range – not least because it's so affordable.

"I've got sensitive skin and I wanted it for everyday use, twice a day, and I don't want to pay a million pounds for something I'm going to use every day," she says.

The 29-year-old credits the Nourishing Hot Cloth Cleanser and Pore Minimising Tonic for helping to transform her skin when she suffered a major acne outbreak. "I just went through a period of my life where my skin just wasn't happy and kept flaring up.

"I had really big breakouts, almost like boils rather than spots. I think now from my pregnancy hormones, I've got a lot more spots on my chin.

"Underneath this foundation, you would see I've got really quite big pores. So I do have to close them before dirt gets in."

Finding a simple but effective skin regime, as well as watching what she eats and drinks, helped Stacey get her skin under control. "I think cleaning my face really made a big difference, but what made the biggest difference was drinking loads of water and trying to be as conscious about what my gut would like as possible.

"I mean I still have those days where I'm like, 'I cannot face cleansing, toning and moisturising today,' but most of the time I'll take my make-up off because it's just not worth it for me now. As soon as my pores get clogged, that's it, I'm going to get spots."

On days when she does have the odd spot, Stacey uses the tricks of the trade she's learned from having her make-up done by professionals for years, ever since she shot to fame as a contestant on the The X Factor in 2009.

"Before, I didn't realise you have to have to put a primer on, so I would always just put my foundation straight on my face. Now I put my moisturiser on with SPF in it, then I'll put on a primer, so that the foundation doesn't all just go right into the skin."

One thing that hasn't changed, however, is that she still loves a bargain – like a £5.99 foundation.

"I usually use Bobbi Brown foundation, but then there's some others I will also use like Collection.

"It's some odd mix and match – I think Bobbi Brown is a bit expensive, so I would mix it with Collection, so you don't use it all up and you get a bit of both coverage. And I love all the microfibre mascaras you can get now so you don't have to wear false lashes all the time."

Plus, the Dagenham-born TV star doesn't require a glam squad every day. "I love doing my own make-up as well, there's something about drawing on your face, it's almost like meditation."

In fact, she's never afraid to go bare-faced. "I don't think too much about should I do a makeup-free selfie? Or should I wear make-up today? I just live my life," she says. "I think,' Yeah, that is what I look like' and there's nothing wrong with what I look like."

No wonder Stacey is so popular with her 1.4 million Instagram followers. While she admits she occasionally has to resort to deleting comments and blocking nasty users, on the whole fans are warm and friendly.

"I'm really lucky. I think people are just really, really lovely and accepting. And it's easy for me just to be whatever I am."

YourGoodSkin Nourishing Hot Cloth Cleanser, £9.50, Boots

YourGoodSkin Pore Minimizing Tonic, £6, Boots

Eyeko Black Magic Mascara, £19

Bobbi Brown Skin Foundation SPF15, £34.50

Collection Lasting Perfection Foundation, £5.99, Boots

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LIP GLOSSES

WHICH of these new lip glosses should be your handbag must-have?

1 REVLON KISS CUSHION LIP, £7.99

GOES on with the gleam of a gloss but there's a tinted stain underneath, so the colour stays rather than being wiped away with a bite of sarnie.

★★★★★

2 ICONIC LONDON LIP PLUMPING GLOSS, £19 (cultbeauty.co.uk)

THE tingling makes lips FEEL bigger, and it's not just a placebo effect. My lips really did look plumped and pouty. It's not quite lip filler in a tube, but pretty close. Pricey, but I love it.

★★★★★

3 I HEART REVOLUTION CHOCOLATE LIP GLOSS, £3 (Superdrug)

THIS light, flattering pink smells like chocolate and feels creamy on the lips. There's also salted caramel, chocolate brownie and honeycomb nudes to suit all skin tones.

★★★★★

4 SMASHBOX GLOSS ANGELES LIP GLOSS, £15

THIS is amazing. It's shiny and glossy but doesn't feel tacky, heavy or sticky on my lips and it stays in place for hours. My new fave.

★★★★★

5 KIKO WATERFLOWER MAGIC VINYL EFFECT LIP LACQUER, £8.90 (kikocosmetics.com)

I WAS surprised by how punchy these colours look on. These six shades of pinks and corals have a high shine, but with the tint of a lipstick. Nice, but doesn't stay on long.

★★★★★

STYLE FILES

THE LATEST FROM THE CATWALK, RED CARPET AND HIGH STREET

■ PLUS size model and rising star Leslie Sidora, above, heads the new campaign by lingerie and swimwear brand **Figleaves**.

Called **In Living Colour,** the collection is showcased by a diverse range of models and invites women to express their true colours in bright lingerie.

With 130 bra sizes to choose from, you won't be stuck finding the right size for you. Visit figleaves.com/uk

■ **MISS Selfridge's** high summer campaign has just launched in store, but don't let the hot weather seeming impossibly far away put you off checking it out.

The range features printed midi styles and pastel tailoring that we can definitely take for a spin now, and keep wearing when things start to heat up. Pictured: left, dress £39, bag £28; and right, blouse £28, trousers £28.

■ IF, like us, you are a fan of **utlity chic** there is plenty of inspiration on the high street. A utlity dress is a style staple for spring but it doesn't have to be khaki. Pictured dress £49.50, **Marks & Spencer**. And this orange jumpsuit £20, **George at Asda** would be perfect for work.

Black jumper £18; print skirt £35; ankle boots £55, all Next

White shirt £29.99; green skirt £29.99; shoes £29.99, all Zara

Green midi dress £59.99; bag £39.99; earrings £9.99; mules £69.99, all Mango

PLEATS PLEASE

Pleats are once again a major look for spring/summer. **AMBER GRAAFLAND** delves into the folds

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Logo T-shirt £8.50; jersey skirt £25; trainers £35, all Marks & Spencer

Jumper £60; maxi skirt £75; boots model's own, all French Connection

Leather jacket £85; T-shirt £14; red skirt £42; boots £45, all Oasis

Long sleeve dress £79; boots £239; earrings £27, all & Other Stories

JOANNE WATKINSON

'TIS THE SEASON FOR A BOILER SUIT

I USED to love the feeling of going back to school after Easter in a gingham summer dress, free from wearing my itchy grey pinafore and a fiddly button-up shirt and tie.

Fast forward 30 years and the familiar relief of packing away my winter garb for a few sweet months comes back annually.

It's not temperature related, I don't do cold, nor is it because I have any wish to start stripping off and baring my limbs – mottled legs are never in fashion – it's a mind-set.

We have such long winters that unless I flick the mental switch in my head to "spring/summer mode" the season would never begin. So although winter has officially left the building, end of April early May, is a little early for us to be busting out floaty maxi dresses and flip flops.

Summer doesn't officially start until June, but spring fashion is the best, it's a little less restrictive than all those winter layers, but it doesn't require a full leg wax and a layer of false tan.

My personal fave, the jumpsuit (or boiler suit to give it its SS19 name), is back.

Arket and Urban Outfitters have taken inspiration from Stella McCartneys zip front version, while H&M and Weekday have more grown up button-front styles.

Wide-leg trousers are also on my transitional shopping list, along with any other trouser I can wear with flats. Check out COS, Mango and Topshop for the best styles. Add a utility shirt and a denim jacket and that's my spring wardrobe done and dusted.

What's on your wish list?

Cargo boiler suit £29.99, strappy leather sandals £17.99, H&M

Q&A

Q I AM finally getting married (I'm 50!) and I would love to wear a white/cream suit. I don't want to spend a lot but I do want it to look expensive!!

A CONGRATULATIONS! A suit is a very stylish option. I love this Emma Willis one from Next. It looks chic and it's a great price.

Pictured: Emma Willis ecru tuxedo jacket £68, Emma Willis ecru tuxedo wide leg trousers £45, both Next.

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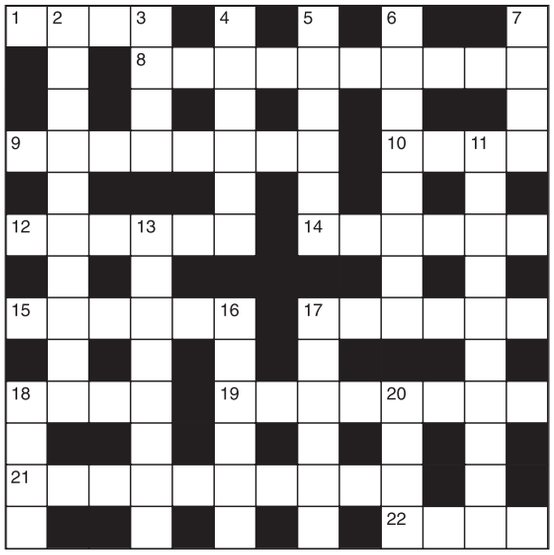
J3 Time Out

Cryptic crossword



ACROSS

1. Request for vegetable about the end of the meal (4)
8. Completely applaud how those in good spirits behave (10)
9. See 17 Across
10. Adopt an attitude to ask awkward questions! (4)
12. Winter in France after the beginning of September and feel the cold! (6)
14. Closely follow an advertisement in the exhibition (6)
15. Most certain to see us coming back to sleep (6)
17 & 9Ac. Becomes a transgressor and shatters the monarchies (6,3,5)
18. One is given time to occupy it (4)
19. The probable cost of reorganising a site with a colleague (8)
21. Sergeants disturbed by soft publicity man (5,5)
22. Stop limping (4)

DOWN

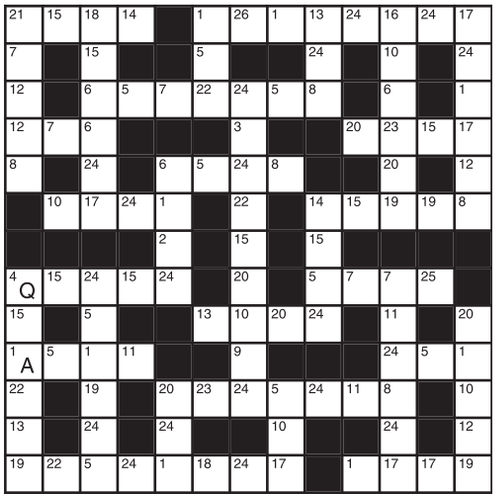
2. In the main it flashes into prominence (10)
3. An expert gets the right kind of maple (4)
4. P.C. Skinner (6)
5. More than one flag is about to go up (6)
6. Shale put into chemical form (8)
7. Sounds like one ready to pay for the cattle shed (4)
11. Farm animals even now are motionless (5-5)
13. Bereft of any opinions? Don't watch so much TV! (8)
16. Entrap in a different way (6)
17. Goat fat (6)
18. Headdress linked with eastern cloak (4)
20. Sammy Thompson includes a traditional tale (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS 16/04/2019

Across: 7 Tryst; 8 Imagine; 9 Balance; 10 Totem; 12 Court dress; 15 At the front; 18 Endow; 19 Magneto; 21 Cleared; 22 Venom.
Down: 1 Stable mate; 2 By all; 3 Stun; 4 Linear; 5 Mastodon; 6 Ditties; 11 Misinforms; 13 One's word; 14 Studies; 16 Remade; 17 Means; 20 Give.

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter.
For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



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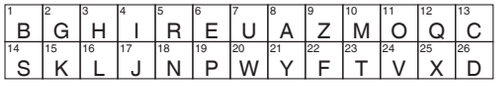
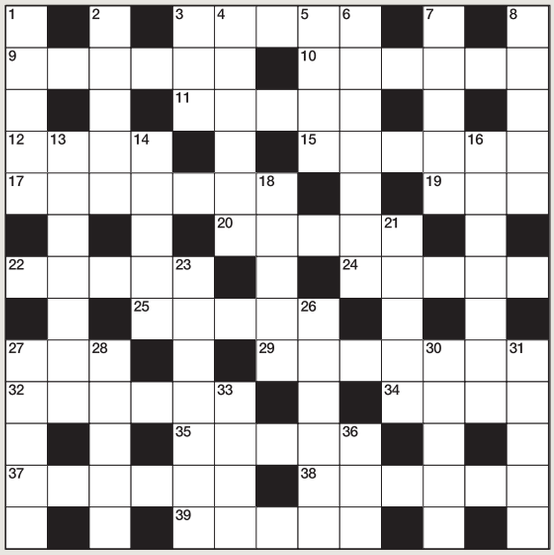


Quick crossword



ACROSS

3. Woolly animal (5)
9. Edict (6)
10. Martial art (6)
11. Be irresolute (5)
12. Burden (4)
15. Run aground (6)
17. Nightclub show (7)
19. Lock opener (3)
20. Without clothes (5)
22. Honour and glory (5)
24. Puts one's feet up (5)
25. Male voice (5)
27. Dog's foot (3)
29. Blissful state (7)
32. Evoke (6)
34. Water jug (4)
35. Flows out slowly (5)
37. Strong cord (6)
38. Negligent (6)
39. Understanding (5)

DOWN

1. For a specific purpose only (2,3)
2. Rub hard (5)
3. Stitch (3)
4. Paradise (6)
5. Stretches (4)
6. Ally or companion (7)
7. Canoe-like boat (5)
8. Prepared (5)
13. Not artificial (7)
14. Wooden shoe (5)
16. Planet (7)
18. Claw (5)
21. Rummage (5)
23. Thoughtful, solemn (7)
26. Jockeys (6)
27. Fish (5)
28. Breadth (5)
30. Expect (5)
31. Originate (5)
33. Carry (4)
36. Observe (3)

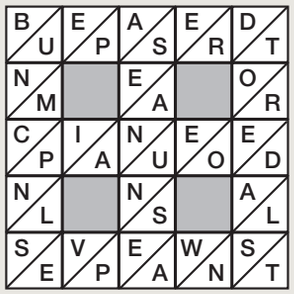
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 5 Baby; 7 Deliberate; 8 Trap; 10 Peak; 12 Ova; 13 Abacus; 16 Lapel; 18 Bus; 20 Elan; 21 Ruse; 22 Tow; 24 Ember; 25 Renown; 26 Pug; 27 Bass; 29 Must; 33 Exhaustion; 34 Here.

Down: 1 Eel; 2 Wife; 3 Beak; 4 Day; 5 Bet; 6 Brags; 9 Hover; 10 Palate; 11 Jab; 13 Alien; 14 Cure; 15 Usurps; 17 Anon; 19 Beige; 23 Wok; 25 Route; 27 Bout; 28 Sett; 30 Tee; 31 Shy; 32 Cop.

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



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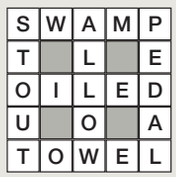

Gogen

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction.

Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.

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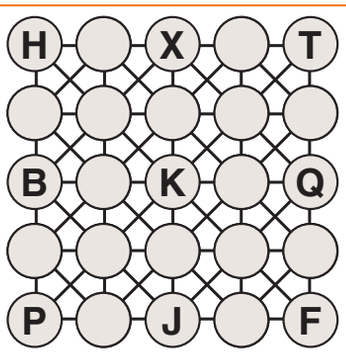

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EXIT
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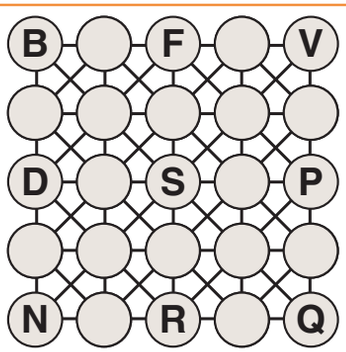

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FOXY
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SMIRK
VAMPIRE

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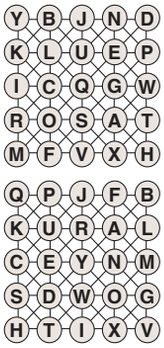

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Sudoku

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

EASY

7	8			2		9		3
		9			3		7	2
	3	2	8				4	
			2		1		6	
4		6		7				1
	7		6		4			
2	5				9	7	3	
3	6			5				9
		7			2		5	8

HARD

					4		5	3
			7	3		1		
	4						2	8
		4		6				
6	2						1	9
				8		5		
4	5						8	
		6		1	5			
3	8		2					

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU: Easy

6	9	4	2	8	3	5	7	1
3	2	7	6	1	5	4	9	8
5	1	8	4	9	7	2	3	6
4	8	9	7	5	2	6	1	3
7	5	6	9	3	1	8	4	2
2	3	1	8	6	4	7	5	9
8	6	3	5	4	9	1	2	7
9	4	2	1	7	6	3	8	5
1	7	5	3	2	8	9	6	4

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU: Hard

6	3	9	7	5	8	2	4	1
5	8	4	3	1	2	6	7	9
2	1	7	4	9	6	3	5	8
3	9	2	6	4	7	8	1	5
1	6	5	2	8	9	7	3	4
7	4	8	1	3	5	9	2	6
9	5	1	8	2	3	4	6	7
8	2	6	5	7	4	1	9	3
4	7	3	9	6	1	5	8	2

Alphamuddle

Rearrange the letters in the top grid to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed in the bottom grid to start you off.

D	A	N	N	E
O	O	M	E	N
M	A	I	C	E
C	L	A	I	N
D	E	A	N	D

		N		
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N				
				E
	E			

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

F	L	E	A	S
L	U	N	C	H
E	N	S	U	E
A	C	U	T	E
S	H	E	E	T

DINGBATS

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

www.dingbats.net

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Hold tight

Wordsquare

Find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

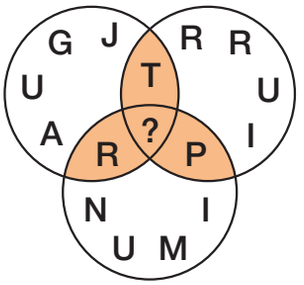
R	L	A
T	C	O
I	B	E

HOW YOU RATE
37 Good; 49 Very Good; 61 Excellent.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
DACHSHUND
adds, cans, cash, chad, dash, hand, hands, hash, haunch, sand, scan, shad, shah.

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within the circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
The letter represented by the question mark is I.
Daiquiri, Bellini, Martini—all cocktails.

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7821393 gives an alcoholic drink;
4552 gives an alcoholic drink;
2516398 gives an alcoholic drink.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: LONGITUDE

16/04/2019

Claire Petulengro

YOUR STARS WITH

ARIES
MARCH 21 – APRIL 20

The way you view your future is changing. You now start to see the impossible as possible. This more positive frame of mind, has only occurred, since you put the negativity to one side. You've realised life is for living (and not a moment too soon!). Ring now to enjoy every day to the full.

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TAURUS
APRIL 20 – MAY 21

If you have the courage to begin, then you have the courage to complete. Remember, that for a sign such as you, it's all in the power of positive thinking. A friend wants a favour, which is above and beyond the acceptable. Say no and mean no. Ring now so I can support you.

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GEMINI
MAY 22 – JUNE 21

Relationships are the most important thing for a sign such as you, Gemini. This is why it is imperative that you talk to those who have upset you, directly and not just to third parties. A problem in the workplace is solved with a phone call. Ring now to face life head on, in the days ahead.

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CANCER
JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Can you feel the air of excitement Cancer? It's not for nothing you know. In fact, events which now transpire, are the key to you making your life a happier place to be. News of a pregnancy or birth, distances you from someone you were only just getting close to again. Ring now to excel.

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LEO
JULY 23 – AUGUST 23

Something, you thought you were going to enjoy, has turned out to be more of a task, than an enjoyable experience. Hang on in there Leo. I know and you will too, soon enough, that this is the road to better times. Ring now to hear why it's worth listening to others input/ideas this week.

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VIRGO
AUGUST 24 – SEPTEMBER 22

What you want from your future has changed. You're no longer happy to let others tell you what you want. Instead, you focus on your needs and your desires, and you finally see things from YOUR point of view. This gives you the courage, to say what you could not last month. Ring now for insight.

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LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. You may not realise it, but you have taken on a more submissive role, since the beginning of the month. It's time for you to get back in the driving seat, my friend. Ring now so I can help you make your future incredible.

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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Wherever you are today, be all there Scorpio. You have been trying to do too much and, in the process, you have left yourself with quite a mess to clean up. The good news is, this can be done with ease and grace, if you are honest with your words and actions. Ring now for more advice.

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SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 20

Things do not just happen this week. They are made to happen. You start to see who was responsible for holding you back and who actually has your best interests at heart. Conversations this evening, help you better understand a close one's recent actions. Ring now for clarity.

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CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 21 – JANUARY 20

Whenever you fall, pick something up. All you have been able to see, is the negative side of a situation. Today you see what a good light this has cast you in with those watching from the side-lines. Ring now to hear why this is the most likely time for flirtations to turn serious.

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AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 19

Your energy levels are not what you want them to be. If you put everyone else's needs before your own, then of course your body and eventually your mind, will start to complain. Surprise phone calls make it easy for you to show forgiveness to a family member. Ring now for clear thinking

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PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 – MARCH 20

Try not to let selfish traits take the lead today, but instead, try to think of other's needs. By working as a team, you can create a more secure base, which is exactly what you have been lacking so far this year. Ring now to put right that wrong in your personal life, which recently occurred.

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TUESDAY'S TV & RADIO

BBC1

Holby City, 8pm

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast 9.15 Animal Park Easter Special 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer 11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming 11.45 Close Calls: On Camera 12.15 Bargain Hunt 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather 1.45 Doctors 2.15 Curiosity 3.00 Escape to the Country 3.45 Home Is Where the Art Is 4.30 The Repair Shop 5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather 6.55 Party Election Broadcast** By the Liberal Democrats.

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7.00 The One Show Live chat and topical reports. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Kathy is surprised to learn Lola's news. (S)

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8.00 Holby City A startling incident forces Zosia to reconsider her future at Holby. (S)

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9.00 Trust Me New series. Drama, starring Alfred Enoch. (S)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Eating with My Ex Jack wants to know if Saara will tell her strict father about their relationship. (S)

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11.05 I'm Coming Out Young adults come out to their parents about their sexuality. (S) (R)
11.35 Getting High for God? (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.05 Weather for the Week Ahead 12.10 BBC News

BBC2

Don't Forget the Driver, 10pm

6.30 The Repair Shop 7.15 Home Is Where the Art Is 8.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity Painting Challenge 9.00 BBC News at 9 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 1.00 The Super League Show 1.45 Back in Time for Dinner 2.45 Jaguars: Brazil's Super Cats 3.45 The Hairy Builder 4.15 The Hairy Builder 4.45 Eggheads 5.15 Flog It! 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Beattie Edmondson, Amol Rajan, Gaby Roslin and Hugh Dennis. **6.30 Island Medics** Behind the scenes at the Gilbert Bain Hospital in Lerwick.

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7.00 Antiques Road Trip Antiques experts compete to make the most money at auction. (S)

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8.00 Your Home Made Perfect New series. Property makeover show, presented by Angela Scanlon. (S)

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9.00 Surgeons: At the Edge of Life Maxillofacial surgeon Tim Martin operates on a woman with a rare disease. (S)

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10.00 Don't Forget the Driver Peter makes a rash decision after seeing a woman being mistreated by strangers. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

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11.10 Weather (S)
11.15 A House Through Time The lives of the residents of Ravensworth Terrace from the 1860s to the 1900s. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.15 Sign Zone: Pilgrimage: The Road to Rome Eight celebrities take a pilgrimage to Rome to meet the Pope. **1.15 Sign Zone: Inside the Factory 2.15 This Is BBC Two** Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

The Widow, 9pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain 8.30 Lorraine 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show 10.30 This Morning 12.30 Loose Women Topical debate from a female perspective. **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. **3.00 Tenable 3.59 ITV Local Weather 4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. **5.00 The Chase 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.25 Party Election Broadcast** By the Liberal Democrats. **6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather**

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7.00 Emmerdale David offers Jacob respite. (S)
7.30 Save Money: Lose Weight Lisa Riley's "honesty diet" is road-tested by a 44-year-old surgical matron. (S)

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8.00 Emmerdale An incident leaves Harriet terrified. (S)
8.30 Hard to Please OAPs Harry Redknapp shops with contactless jewellery and June Brown befriends a robot. (S)

9

9.00 The Widow Georgia puts herself in danger to get closer to Pieter. (S)

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10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather (S)
10.30 Local News; Weather (S)
10.45 The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Jeremy Clarkson, Emma Bunton and Samson Kayo. (S) (R)

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11.45 The Bay Lisa furiously seeks out Sean. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.40 Tenable 1.30 Jackpot247 Interactive gaming. **3.00 All Star Family Fortunes 3.45 ITV Nightscreen** Text-based information service. **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

Channel 4

Food Unwrapped, 8pm

6.25 Cheers 6.55 Cheers 7.20 Cheers 7.45 Frasier 8.10 Frasier 8.40 Frasier 9.10 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.40 Everybody Loves Raymond 10.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 11.05 Car SOS 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Come Dine with Me 1.05 Escape to the Chateau: DIY 2.10 Countdown 3.00 A Place in the Sun 4.00 A New Life in the Sun 5.00 Four in a Bed 5.30 Extreme Cake Makers 6.00 The Simpsons Homer tries to fulfil his mother's dying wish. **6.30 Hollyoaks** Darren worries the baby may not be his biological son.

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7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

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8.00 Food Unwrapped Jimmy Doherty dons a beer jacket in Iceland to see if booze can keep a person warm. (S)

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9.00 The Great British School Swap New series. A predominantly white school and a mainly Asian school swap pupils in an experiment. (S)

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10.00 First Dates New series. Return of the restaurant-based dating show, hosted by Fred Sirieix. (S)

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11.05 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back New series. Gordon Ramsay visits the Trolley Stop Café in New Orleans, Louisiana. (S)

AFTER 12

12.00 Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins for Stand Up to Cancer 12.55 Grand Designs: The Street 1.50 The Restoration Man 2.45 Supershoppers 3.15 French Collection

Channel 5

The Yorkshire Vet, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine 11.15 Traffic Cops 12.10 5 News Lunchtime 12.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Stewart and Vic become party to a fractured family's school fee woes. **1.10 Access 1.15 Home and Away** Colby discovers that Bella has fled the Bay. **1.45 Neighbours 2.15** FILM **Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt (2012) (12)** Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck. **4.00 Friends 4.30 Friends 5.00 5 News at 5 5.30 Neighbours 6.00 Home and Away** Colby discovers that Bella has fled the Bay. **6.30 5 News Tonight**

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7.00 Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh The host visits Grade 2 listed The Workhouse in Nottinghamshire; (S) (R) 5 News Update (S)

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8.00 The Yorkshire Vet Julian races to help a horse that has suffered a painful injury; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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9.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild New series. Ben meets more people who have moved to remote locations, beginning in Peru. (S)

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10.00 The Murderer Next Door The story of an elderly couple killed by a neighbour. (S)

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11.05 Flaunting My Fat for Cash Three women making money by appealing to men who prefer the larger form. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.05 The Great British Benefits Hotel 1.00 Teleshopping 3.00 Access 3.10 Wentworth Prison 4.00 The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant 4.45 House Doctor

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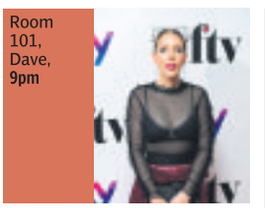
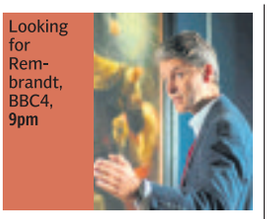
Digital Channel Choice

dinnerladies, GOLD, 6.30pm

Fantasy Homes by the Sea, W, 7pm



Room 101, Dave, 9pm



Looking for Rembrandt, BBC4, 9pm

Alibi Sky: 132

7.20 Murdoch Mysteries 9.05 Rizzoli & Isles 10.00 Sue Thomas: FBEye 11.00 Unforgettable 12.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 1.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Rizzoli & Isles 5.00 Rush 6.00 Motive 7.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 WPC 56 10.00 The Coroner 11.00 New Tricks 12.20 Crossing Lines 1.20 Quantico 2.30 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Teleshopping

Dave Sky: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Teleshopping 7.15 Beat the Internet with John Robins 8.05 Storage Hunters 10.00 American Pickers 11.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads 12.00 Top Gear 1.25 Top Gear Vietnam Special 3.00 Top Gear India Special 5.00 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 6.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads 8.00 Hurricane Man 9.00 Room 101 10.20 Mock the Week 11.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 12.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 1.00 QI 2.15 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 2.55 The Last Man on Earth 4.00 Teleshopping

Drama Sky: 143 FV: 20

7.10 Bergerac 8.00 Juliet Bravo 9.00 Pie in the Sky 10.00 Classic Holby City 11.00 The Bill 1.00 Classic EastEnders 2.20 Bergerac 3.20 Lovejoy 4.20 Pie in the Sky 5.20 Birds of a Feather 6.00 Brush Strokes 6.40 Bread Christmas Special 1988 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine 8.00 Judge John Deed 10.00 New Tricks 11.20 Taggart 1.05 The Bill 2.20 Lovejoy 3.10 Birds of a Feather 4.00 Teleshopping

Eden Sky: 166

6.00 Teleshopping 9.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 10.00 Jungle Planet 11.00 Madagascar 12.00 Galapagos 1.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 2.00 Jungle Planet 3.00 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 4.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 5.00 Jungle Planet 6.00 Madagascar 7.00 Galapagos 8.00 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 9.00 Killer Whale Islands with Nigel Marven 10.00 Madagascar 11.00 Galapagos 12.00 Killer Whale Islands with Nigel Marven 1.00 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 2.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 3.00 Jungle Planet 3.50 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 4.40 Killer Whale Islands with Nigel Marven 5.30 Dog's Best Friend

GOLD Sky: 110

8.15 Goodnight Sweetheart 9.35 Last of the Summer Wine 11.35 2point4 Children 12.55 Hi-de-Hi! 1.35 dinnerladies 2.25 2point4 Children 3.45 Last of the Summer Wine 5.50 Hi-de-Hi! 6.30 dinnerladies 7.20 Dad's Army 8.40 Fawlty Towers 10.10 Blackadder II 11.30 Jack Dee Live at the Apollo 12.30 Black Books 1.40 Jack Dee Live at the Apollo 2.30 The Piglet Files 2.55 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00 Teleshopping

Good Food Sky: 133

6.10 Junior Bake Off 8.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 9.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search of Perfection 10.00 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure 11.00 Donal's Meals in Minutes 11.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 12.00 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain 1.00 Junior Bake Off 2.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 3.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search of Perfection 4.00 Donal's Meals in Minutes 4.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure 6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain 7.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 8.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search of Perfection 9.00 Donal's Meals in Minutes 9.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 10.00 Junior Bake Off 11.00 Luke Nguyen's Asian Food Trail 12.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 1.00 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets 2.00 Teleshopping 5.00 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets

Home Sky: 158 FV: 25

7.00 Homes Under the Hammer 8.00 Bargain Hunt 9.00 Flog It! 10.00 MasterChef Australia 12.00 Ground Force 1.00 Wanted Down Under 2.00 Escape to the Country 3.00 Flog It! 4.00 Bargain Hunt 5.00 Homes Under the Hammer 6.00 Ground Force 7.00 MasterChef Australia 9.00 Escape to the Country 10.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge 11.00 Wanted Down Under 12.00 Homes Under the Hammer 1.00 Wanted Down Under 1.50 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 3.30 Britain's Ugliest Rooms 4.00 Teleshopping

Really Sky: 142 FV: 17

6.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 8.00 Homes Under the Hammer 10.00 Tipping Point 12.00 Escape to the Country 1.00 Escape to the Country 2.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 3.00 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate 4.00 Most Haunted 5.00 Ghost Adventures 6.00 Antiques Road Trip 7.00 Escape to the Country 8.00 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate 9.00 This Farming Life 10.00 Nurses Who Kill 11.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 12.00 Partners in Crime: Fred and Rose West 1.00 Crime Stories 2.00 Teleshopping 4.00 My Ghost Story: Caught on Camera 4.45 My Extreme Weight Loss Journey 5.25 Give a Dog a Home

W Sky: 109

6.15 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition 8.00 Tipping Point 10.00 The Bill 11.00 Inside the Ambulance 12.00 Tipping Point 2.00 My Dream Home 4.00 Renovate My Home: Leave It to Bryan 5.00 Tipping Point 6.00 John Torode's Australia 7.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 8.00 Inside the Ambulance 9.00 The Shift: Women on the Force 10.00 999 Rescue Squad 11.00 The Story of Fertility 12.00 The World According to Kids 1.00 Judge Faith 1.25 Rent a Cop 2.00 John Bishop: In Conversation with Louise Redknapp 3.00 Teleshopping

Yesterday Sky: 155 FV: 19

6.00 Raiders of the Lost Past 8.00 Time Team 9.00 Auschwitz: The Nazis and the Final Solution 10.00 Murder Maps 11.00 Forbidden History 12.00 Time Team 2.00 The Life of Mammals 3.00 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities 4.00 Murder Maps 5.00 Wartime Crime 6.00 Auschwitz: The Nazis and the Final Solution 7.00 Impossible Engineering 8.00 Abandoned Engineering 9.00 The Green Green Grass 11.00 Porridge 12.20 Steptoe and Son 1.00 Raiders of the Lost Past 3.00 Teleshopping

Film4 Sky: 313 FV: 15

11.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) (PG) 12.40 Eragon (2006) (PG) 2.50 Megamind (2010) (PG) 4.50 Back to the Future Part II (1989) (PG) 7.10 Ride Along (2014) (12) 9.00 The Huntsman: Winter's War (2016) (12) 11.15 Gladiator (2000) (15) 2.20 Red Army (2014) (15) 4.00 Close

BBC4 Sky: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Beyond 100 Days; Weather 7.30 Secrets of Bones 8.00 Blue Planet II 9.00 Looking for Rembrandt 10.00 Bloody Queens: Elizabeth and Mary 11.00 Stuff: A Horizon Guide to Materials 12.00 Dissected: The Incredible Human Foot 1.00 Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track 2.00 Blue Planet II 3.00 Looking for Rembrandt 4.00 Close

Sky Main Event Sky: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans 10.00 Sky Sports News 11.30 Sportswomen 12.00 Sky Sports News 5.00 Sky Sports News at 5 6.00 Sky Sports News at 6 7.00 Sky Sports Tonight 10.00 The Debate 11.00 Sky Sports News 1.00 Live WWE Late Night Smackdown 3.00 Sporting Records 3.30 Live NBA: Oklahoma @ Portland

Radio

RADIO 1
97.6-99.8 FM

6.30 The Radio 1 Breakfast Show with Greg James. **10.00** Clara Amfo. **12.45** Newsbeat. **1.00** Scott Mills. **4.00** Jordan North. **5.45** Newsbeat. **6.00** Jordan North. Jordan sits in for Grimmy. **7.00** Radio 1's Future Sounds with Annie Mac. A journey of musical discovery. **9.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie. **11.00** Radio 1's Indie Show with Jack Saunders. **1.00** Annie Nightingale. **3.00** Radio 1 Comedy — Unexpected Fluids. **3.40** BBC Radio 1 and 1Xtra's Stories. **4.00** Early Breakfast with Arielle Free.

RADIO 2
88-90.2 FM

5.00 Nicki Chapman. **6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. **9.30** Jo Whiley. **12.00** Vanessa Feltz. **2.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon. **5.00** Sara Cox. **7.00** Ricky Wilson. Sitting in for Jo Whiley. **9.00** The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation. **12.00** OJ Borg. **3.00** Sounds of the 80s with Gary Davies. **4.50** Radio 2 Sounds of the 80s Mastermix.

RADIO 3
90.2-92.4 FM

6.30 Breakfast. **9.00** Essential Classics. **12.00** Composer of the Week: Berg. **1.00** News. **1.02** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. **2.00** Afternoon Concert. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. **10.00** Free Thinking. **10.45** The Essay: Behold the Man. **11.00** Late Junction. **12.30** Through the Night.

RADIO 4
92.4-94.6 FM

5.30 News Briefing. **5.43** Prayer for the Day. **5.45** Farming Today. **5.58** Tweet of the Day. **6.00** Today. **9.00** The Life Scientific. **9.30** One to One. **9.45** (LW) Daily Service. **9.45** (FM) Book of the Week: Michael Tippett: The Biography. **10.00** Woman's Hour. **11.00** Patient Undone. **11.30** The Art of Now: The Return of Voguing. **12.00** News. **12.01** (LW) Shipping Forecast. **12.04** Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction. **12.18** Call You and Yours. **12.57** Weather. **1.00** The World at One. **1.45** One to One. **2.00** The Archers. **2.15** Drama: Longline. **3.00** The Kitchen Cabinet. **3.30** Costing the Earth. **4.00** Marking Time. **4.30** Great Lives. **5.00** PM. **5.54** (LW) Shipping Forecast. **5.57** Weather. **6.00** Six O'Clock News. **6.30** My Teenage Diary. **7.00** The Archers. **7.15** Front Row. **7.45** The Citadel. **8.00** The Populist Curtain. **8.40** In Touch. **9.00** The Patch. **9.30** The Life Scientific. **10.00** The World Tonight. **10.45** Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction. **11.00** Fred at the Stand. **11.30** The Untold. **12.00** News and Weather. **12.30** Book of the Week: Michael Tippett: The Biography. **12.48** Shipping Forecast. **1.00** As BBC World Service. **5.20** Shipping Forecast.

RADIO 5 LIVE
693 & 909 MW

5.00 Morning Reports. **5.15** Wake Up to Money. **6.00** 5 Live Breakfast. **9.00** Your Call. **10.00** The Emma Barnett Show. **1.00** Nihal Arthanayake. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **7.00** 5 Live Sport. Kelly Cates presents the day's sports news. **8.00** 5 Live Sport: Champions League Football 2018-19. Barcelona v Manchester United (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.30** Geoff Lloyd. **1.00** Up All Night.

TALKSPORT
1053 & 1089 MW

6.00 The Alan Brazil Sports Breakfast. **10.00** Jim White, Micky Gray and Bob Mills. **1.00** Hawksbee and Jacobs. **4.00** Adrian Durham and Darren Gough. **7.00** kick-off. Barcelona v Manchester United (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Sports Bar. **1.00** Extra Time with Adam Catterall.

BBC NEWCASTLE
95.4, 96, 104.4, MW: 1458 FM

5.00 Nick Roberts. **6.00** Gilly Hope. **7.00** Alfie and Anna at Breakfast. **10.00** Lisa Shaw. **12.00** Simon Logan. **4.00** Charlie Charlton. **5.00** Total Sport. **7.00** Nick Roberts. **8.00** Tamsin Robson. **10.00** Steffen Peddie. **1.00** As Radio 5 Live.

RADIO TYNESIDE
93.6 FM

6.00 Early Morning Jukebox. **8.00** Good Morning Tyneside. **10.00** Morning Call. **12.00** Lunchbreak. **2.00** Afternoon Show. **4.00** Teatime on Tyneside. **6.00** 60s at Six. **7.00** 70s at Seven. **8.00** Evening Shift. **10.00** I Write the Songs. **11.00** Golden Years. **12.00** Night Sounds.

BBC TEES
95 FM

6.00 Neil Green and Amy Oakden. **9.00** Mike Parr. **12.00** Scott Makin. **4.00** Antony Collins. **6.00** Sport. **7.00** Sport Extra. **10.00** Steffen Peddie. **1.00** As Radio 5 Live.

103.4 SUN FM
103.4 FM

6.00 Simon and Lauren. **11.00** Carl Hughes. **3.00** Tim West. **7.00** Dave Sherwood. **10.00** The Late Show. **12.00** The Nightshift.

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TV CHOICE

TRUST ME
BBC1, 9pm

New series. Corporal Jamie McCain is recovering from a spinal injury that has left him paralysed. He faces a new enemy when patients on his hospital ward start dying unexpectedly around him. Jamie believes the deaths are suspicious, but being unable to move, his investigation is dangerous and difficult. With everyone in the department hiding a secret, catching a culprit seems like an impossible task. But with Jamie's behaviour becoming increasingly erratic, is the threat real or imagined?

FIRST DATES
Channel 4, 10pm

Fred Sirieix and the First Dates team are back for a heart-warming 12th series, ready to cater to a new bunch of singles looking for love. First up is 32-year-old owl sanctuary volunteer Krystal, who fears that her chattiness and larger-than-life personality scare men away. But will she be the one looking for the exit when she discovers what her date James, 43, does for a living? Elsewhere, 20-year-old Georgia describes her perfect girl as a football-playing Cara Delevingne, so when she meets Georga, who bears a striking resemblance to the model and is an ex-Arsenal goalkeeper, it seems all her dreams have come true – until they discover that similar names aren't all they have in common. Meanwhile, car salesman Mark, who has been engaged seven times, risks being a little too honest with airline check-in clerk Jo.

THE GREAT BRITISH SCHOOL SWAP
Channel 4, 9pm

A predominantly white school and a mainly Asian school swap pupils in an experiment to see what happens when children from very different areas mix for the first time. A transgender pupil is paired with a devout Muslim girl, a white mother overcomes her prejudices to go for dinner in an Asian house for the first time, and tensions rise when the students find out what they really think about each other.

FILM

OBLIVION
E4, 10pm

A repairman is assigned to salvage the remaining resources from Earth, which has been left a devastated wasteland after a war with an alien race. He discovers a human survivor on the surface of the planet, an encounter that exposes secrets from the past that threaten the future of the human race. Sci-fi adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman.

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Deaths

COLE GORDON

(Ashington). On 10th April in hospital, after a short illness bravely borne. Beloved husband of Christine, father of Angela, much loved by his family and friends. Please meet for funeral service and cremation at Cowpen Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd April at 10.00am. No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be given at the service for The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries c/o Peter Grenfell Funeral Directors 01670 812117.

HODGKINSON FLOSSIE LILLIAN (Gough)

(Rudchester, Heddon). Flossie Hodgkinson, beloved mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on April 6th aged 103.
Ex Riding Clubs liaison committee chair.
Survived by 2 sons and 4 grandsons.
Contact Raymond Hodgkinson, Annemarie-Gossmann-Str. 52, 65207 Wiesbaden, Germany.

JOHNSTONE JAMES SCOUGAL (JIMMY)

(ASHINGTON). Peacefully on 5th April 2019 aged 78 years. James Scougal (Jimmy), dearly loved Dad of Les, Charlie, Jamie, Glen, Tammy and Terry. Devoted Grandad of Leigh, Bruce, Callum, Finlay and Ellie Leigh, Great Grandad of James, Shaun, Georgina and Mikey, and Uncle of Tracy. All please meet for funeral service to be held at Cowpen Crematorium on Thursday 25th April, 2019 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only by request. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to Palliative Care Unit, Wansbeck Hospital. A donation box will be available at the crematorium.

SELF KEN

(Ashington). On 31st March, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Christine, dear father of Rory and Jaimie, father-in-law of Pauline and adored luckiedad of Jaimie, Craig, Megan and Kieran. Friends please meet for funeral service and cremation at Cowpen Crematorium for his farewell on Tuesday 23rd April at 1.45pm. Afterwards at Ashington Rugby Club to celebrate his life. Musical instruments welcome. Enquiries c/o Peter Grenfell Funeral Directors, Ashington Tel 01670 812117

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In Memoriam

WRIGHTSON MAURICE

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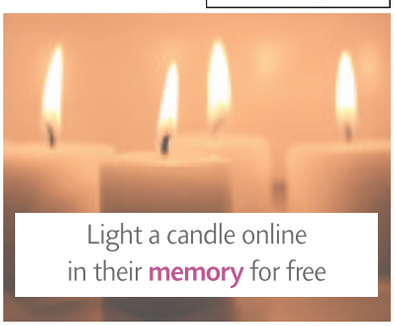

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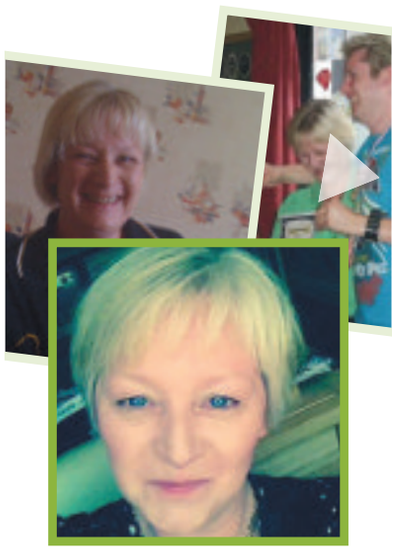

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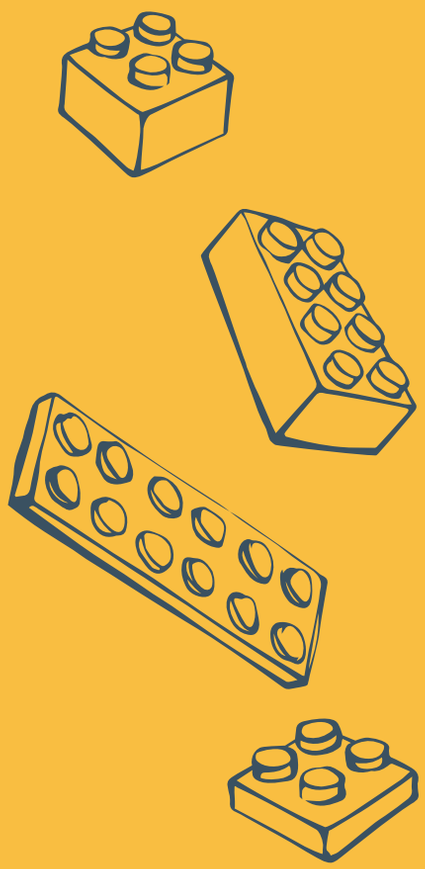

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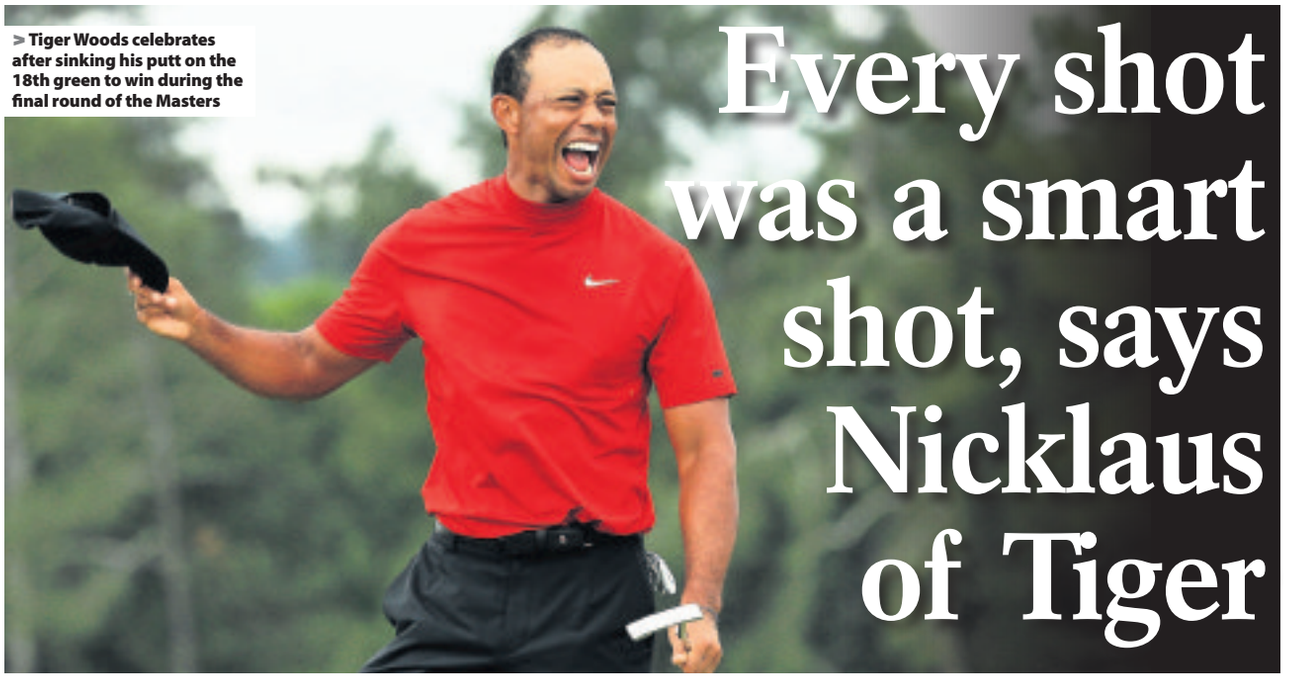

> Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking his putt on the 18th green to win during the final round of the Masters

Every shot was a smart shot, says Nicklaus of Tiger

JACK Nicklaus has always believed a healthy Tiger Woods would equal or surpass his record of 18 major championships, even if he was joking when he said the prospect had him "shaking in his boots".

Yet while Nicklaus can enjoy the chase from the comfort of the sidelines, golf's current generation will rightly be concerned about having to deal with a rejuvenated Woods following his 15th Major victory in a memorable Masters at Augusta National.

The likes of Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Jordan Spieth cannot say they were not warned either, Woods leading last year's Open Championship with eight holes to play and finishing runner-up to Koepka at the US PGA with a closing 64.

The 43-year-old then held off the challenge of McIlroy and world number one Justin Rose to win the Tour Championship in Atlanta last September, his 80th PGA Tour title and first since 2013.

Woods said: "The win at East Lake was a big confidence-booster for me because I had come close last year a couple of times and I didn't quite do it.

"I didn't do it at Tampa. I didn't do it at The Open Championship. I was a little better at the PGA but still I didn't win.

"East Lake was a big step for me, confirming I could still win out here and against the best players because it's the hottest 30 guys for the year.

"To be able to do that against Rory and Rosey there gave me a lot of confidence going into this year and I said, you know, just keep building on it and let's try to get the mind and body peaking towards Augusta.

"So my last three major championships have been pretty good, so that in itself gives me a lot of confidence going down the road."

Asked about the prospect of equalling or beating the record of Nicklaus, who amazingly also finished runner-up in 19 majors, Woods added: "I really haven't thought about that yet.

"I'm sure I'll probably think of it going down the road. Maybe, maybe not. Right now it's a little soon and I'm just enjoying 15."

Numbers 16 and 17 could arrive in the next two months with the US PGA Championship being staged at Bethpage, where Woods won the US Open in 2002, and this year's US Open at Pebble Beach, scene of his 15-shot triumph in the same event two years earlier.

"Two years ago I didn't know if I was going to play golf again," added Woods, who underwent spinal fusion surgery in April 2017.

"So to get back to this point where I have an opportunity to play and compete, have won twice and one being a major championship, it is a pretty surreal feeling to be honest."

Woods needed a nerve block just to be able to attend the Champions Dinner two years ago and told Nicklaus "I'm done" but Nicklaus never doubted a healthy Woods would win again and challenge his record.

"I don't ever pull against anybody," the 79-year-old said.

"Nobody wants their record to be broken but I certainly wouldn't want Tiger to be hurt and not be able to do it and now he's pretty healthy and playing well and I wish him well.

"I was sitting there watching saying 'he's playing so much better than anybody else, he deserves to win'.

"You watch how smart he played, how he used his head at 12 and put the ball in the middle of the green, how he hit the ball left of the pin on 13, hit the middle of the green on 14 and 15.

"Every shot I saw him play was a smart shot and when you have a guy who plays smart shots like that and plays them well he should be your winner. You just watched it all day long and thought 'this is a man who is possessed, he's absolutely under total control and he's going to get it done'. He did.

"I kept saying I think he will win another major. It all depended on Tiger's health.

"I don't think he needed to worry about his driver, he never hit the ball straight anyway. From somewhere he got it up around the green.

"Tiger is such a great putter, has such a great short game, such great distance control with his irons – the best I've ever seen – and if you get a guy who can do that he's going to win again. He topped it off this week by driving the ball well with it. It was a very, very special week for him."

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> **Jack Nicklaus**

EAGLESCLIFFE FIGHT BACK TO CLAIM INTER-COUNTY FOURSOMES

THE Eaglescliffe and Durham pairing, the experienced Tom Smith and 17-year-old Will Skipp - the 2018 Junior Champion of Champions - beat the Northumberland team of 53-year-old senior statesman and former Scottish International Sandy Twynholm and Phil Graham, England Golf's Durham consultant, in the final of the Inter-County Foursomes at South Shields, *writes CHRIS ROBINSON*.

On a bright and breezy but very cold day, Eaglescliffe got off on the wrong foot, losing the first hole, but magnificently fought back – winning four successive holes to go three up.

Morpeth pulled a hole back at the eighth before Eaglescliffe lost the ninth after driving into gorse near a tree, took a drop and turned two up.

It now looked bleak for Morpeth and, at the 11th, after Twynholm had a penalty drop, Eaglescliffe let them off the hook by three-putting.

> Tom Smith, left, and Will Skipp, winners of Northumberland and Durham County Foursomes

There was a chink of light for the Northumberland pair at the 12th when Eaglescliffe drove out of bounds but, following halves at the next two holes, the Durham pair sunk an excellent putt at the 14th and went three up.

The writing was on the wall for Morpeth but Twynholm, trying to make a comeback, rifled a superb drive on to the 15th green and won the hole with a birdie - but Morpeth were two down with three to play.

Eaglescliffe hit two magnificent shots to eight feet from the flag at the par-four 16th and Morpeth, failing to reach the green, were unable to get down in two - so Eaglescliffe and Durham won the 2019 Northumberland and Durham Inter-County Foursomes title and gained revenge for last year's defeat at Westerhope.

Jonathan Ward, secretary of the Durham Union of Golf Clubs said: "It was a great final to get the season underway and Eaglescliffe were worthy champions."

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Lamb living high on Hog as he eyes up pro move

CHRIS ROBINSON

HEXHAM narrowly lost in the two Counties Foursomes finals but their 21-year-old star Matty Lamb, who guided them to the Northumberland final, had a tremendous victory in the prestigious 36-hole Hampshire Hog played over the North Hants Golf Club.

From a field of 72-star amateurs Lamb shot rounds of 70 followed by a superb six-under par 63 (133) to win by two shots from joint runners-up Simon Bairstow (Hallowes Golf Club 135 (70-65) and Ryan Brooks (Whittingham Golf Club 135 (68-67).

Lamb said: "My game feels sharp and I'm now looking forward to further events in the UK and Europe.

"There are a lot of tournaments to play in and I look forward to being considered for the Walker Cup (7-9 Sept, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake).

"I'm going to keep concentrating and continue to enjoy my golf and at the same time learning, with a view to turning pro."

Both Lamb and James Robson are coached by Andy Paisley, the head professional at Hexham Golf Club, and 38-year-old brother of European circuit star Chris Paisley.

The Hampshire Hog has been won by a host of top amateurs, including Justin Rose.

> Matty Lamb

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9 (9) 3- **TWIST 'N' SHAKE** (255) J Gosden 9-0....................... L Dettori 76
10 (2) **VENUSTA** M Channon 9-0.................................... S De Sousa —

BETTING: 11-4 Maqsad, 3 Twist 'n' Shake, 7-2 Stagehand, 6 Inclyne, 7 Specialise, 20 Artistic Streak, 25 Forty Four Sunsets, Venusta, Tereshkova, Beguiling Charm.
2018: QAZYNA 9 0, A Atzeni 6-4 Fav (R Varian), drawn (3), 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE: MAQSAD 4-9fav Tracked leader, ridden and unable to quicken over 1f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 9, 5l behind Mehdaayih at Yarmouth 1m 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf in Oct. **TWIST 'N' SHAKE** 25-1 In rear stand side, pushed along and headway over 1f out, edged left inside final furlong, stayed on to go 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 10, 10l behind Dubai Beauty at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf in Aug. **STAGEHAND** 10-1 Tracked leader, driven well over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, just failed, 2nd of 6, ns behind Duneflower at Newcastle 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (5) in Oct. **INCLYNE** 7-1 Tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, one pace inside final furlong, 4th of 12, 2 1/2l behind Nearooz at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll mdn (3) gf in Oct. **SPECIALISE** Mastercraftsman filly out of My Special J's. **ARTISTIC STREAK** 16-1 Held up mid-division, ridden and headway over 1f out, no extra, 6th of 11, 11l behind Feliciana De Vega at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll nov stks (4) sft in Nov. **BEGUILING CHARM** 4-1 In touch, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and headway approaching final furlong, stayed on same pace, 3rd of 8, 9l behind Sunset Flash at Newcastle 7f Fillies Novice Auction Stakes (2yo) (6) in Nov. **FORTY FOUR SUNSETS** 14-1 Raced wide tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 7th of 13, 10l behind Elamirr at Lingfield 7f 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Dec. **TERESHKOVA** Sea The Moon filly out of Fanny Squeers. **VENUSTA** Medicean filly out of Grevillea.

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4 (9) 513 **DESERT DOCTOR** (17) Ed Walker 4 9-5 (D4) .... G Mosse 70
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10 (13) 38- **ZAIN HANA** (153) J Butler 4 9-1 (D2)........................ D Muscutt 94
11 (3) 60- **KIMIFIVE** (206) J Tuite 4 9-0 (D2) ....O Murphy 98
12 (8) 35- **COUNT OTTO** (193) Mrs A Perrett 4 9-0 (D4) ....J Watson 89
13 (6) 2-0 **VON BLUCHER** (16) Rebecca Menzies 6 9-0 ...... P J McDonald 77
14 (10) 7-7 **BURGUILLOS** (90) S C Williams 6 8-12 (BF).............H Bentley 70
15 (11) 42- **BLACKHEATH** (195) Ed Walker 4 8-8 (BF, D)................L Morris 88

BETTING: 11-2 Buridan, 6 Green Power, 7 Flavius Titus, 8 Desert Doctor, Tommy Taylor, 12 Normandy Barriere, Ice Lord, Blackheath, 14 Others.
2018: AEOLUS 7 9 7, Pat Cosgrave 7-1 (Ed Walker), drawn (5), 15 ran.

FORM GUIDE: BURIDAN 7-1 Close up, ridden over 1f out, kept on same pace, 7th of 17, 2 1/2l behind Foolaad at Doncaster 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gf in Mar. **GREEN POWER** 12-1 Tracked leaders, ridden to chase winner over 1f out, one pace final furlong, 4th of 17, 3/4l behind Foolaad at Doncaster 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gf in Mar. **FLAVIUS TITUS** 14-1 In touch, pushed along and headway 2f out, soon every chance, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 4th of 11, 2 3/4l behind Tabdeed at Ascot 6f 3yo hcp 0-105 (2) gd in Oct. **DESERT DOCTOR** 7-1 In rear, pushed along and headway over 1f out, ran on, nearest finish, 3rd of 11, 2l behind George Bowen at Kempton 6f hcp 0-105 (2) pol in Mar. **TOMMY TAYLOR** 10-1 Towards rear, ridden and headway over 1f out, one pace final furlong, 6th of 17, 2 1/4l behind Foolaad at Doncaster 6f hcp 0-95 (3) gf in Mar. **BLACKHEATH** 4-1fav Mid-division, not clear run and switched outside over 1f out, soon ridden, headway inside final furlong, went 2nd and kept on inside final 100 yards, not reach winner, 2nd of 10, 3/4l behind Beyond Equal at Salisbury 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Oct. **ICE LORD** 12-1 Close up, headway inside final furlong, ridden and stayed on to lead close home, won at Doncaster 6f hcp 105 (2) gs in Oct beating Von Blucher by nk, 14 ran. **NORMANDY BARRIERE** 20-1 Slowly away, always behind, 15th of 17, 14l behind Major Jumbo at York 6f hcp 105 (2) sft in Oct. **COUNT OTTO** 11-1 Tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, kept on same pace, 5th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Tabdeed at Ascot 6f 3yo hcp 0-105 (2) gd in Oct. **KIMIFIVE** 16-1 Raced centre, mid-division, ridden over 1f out, soon weakened and eased, 19th of 23, 12l behind Snazzy Jazzy at Ayr 6f hcp (2) hvy in Sep. **SUMMERGHAND** 12-1 Mid-division, ridden and weakened inside final 2f, 10th of 17, 8l behind Major Jumbo at York 6f hcp 105 (2) sft in Oct. **ZAIN HANA** 6-1 Hampered start, held up, never dangerous, 8th of 9, 6l behind Eljaddaaf at Kempton 6f hcp 0-95 (3) pol in Nov.

2.25 *BET365 EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (LISTED) (1) (3-Y-O) 7f Winner £28,355 (7 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (1) 11- **ARCTIC SOUND** (201) M Johnston 9-7 (CD) ....James Doyle 70
2 (5) 33- **SHINE SO BRIGHT** (206) A Balding 9-3 (BF) .... S De Sousa 99
3 (6) 50- **KUWAIT CURRENCY** (171) R Hannon 9-2 ....T Marquand 99
4 (3) 12- **AZANO** (171) J Gosden 9-1 (D)................................ L Dettori 87
5 (7) 390 **VICTORY COMMAND** (47) M Johnston 9-0 (D3).......R L Moore 73
6 (4) 87- **SPACE TRAVELLER** (185) R Fahey 8-13 (D) ... Daniel Tudhope 73
7 (2) 24- **DUBAI DOMINION** (193) E Vaughan 8-11 (D).........O Murphy 75

BETTING: 2 Azano, 4 Shine So Bright, 6 Dubai Dominion, Kuwait Currency, Arctic Sound, 8 Space Traveller, 12 Victory Command.
2018: ANNA NERIUM 8 11, T Marquand 25-1 (R Hannon), drawn (4), 10 ran.

FORM GUIDE: AZANO 7-1 Led, ridden over 1f out, strongly pressed and headed inside final furlong, stayed on same pace, 2nd of 8, 1 1/2l behind Mohaather at Newbury 7f 2yo Grp 3 (1) gs in Oct. **SHINE SO BRIGHT** 3-1fav Chased leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace in 3rd, no chance with leading duo, 3rd of 7, 5l behind Kessaar at Newbury 6f 2yo Grp 2 (1) sft in Sep. **ARCTIC SOUND** 5-1 Dwelt in touch in rear, pushed along halfway, switched right to outer over 2f out, headway entering final furlong, ridden to lead inside final furlong, ran on, won at Newmarket 7f 2yo Grp 3 (1) gd in Sep beating Bye Bye Hong Kong by 1l, 7 ran. **DUBAI DOMINION** 4th of 5, 5l behind East at Saint-Cloud(FR) 7f 2yo Grp 3 (1) gd in Oct. **KUWAIT CURRENCY** 33-1 Keen tracked leader, ridden over 3f out, weakened over 2f out, last of 11, 22l behind Magna Grecia at Doncaster 1m 2yo Grp 1 (1) gs in Oct. **SPACE TRAVELLER** 5-1 Soon towards rear, never a factor, 7th of 10, 10l behind Vintage Brut at York 6f 2yo lst stk (1) sft in Oct. **VICTORY COMMAND** 16-1 12th of 13, 32l behind Sporting Chance at Meydan(UAE) 1m 3yo lst stk gd in Feb.

3.00 *BET365 FEILDEN STAKES (LISTED) (1) (3-Y-O) 1m 1f Winner £22,684 (7 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (2) 35- **BOERHAN** (185) W Haggas 9-0..........................James Doyle 74
2 (7) 1- **KADAR** (222) K Burke 9-0 .... Daniel Tudhope 70
3 (5) 16- **KICK ON** (171) J Gosden 9-0 (C)...............................O Murphy 86
4 (6) 1-5 **SPANISH MISSION** (41) D M Simcock 9-0............J P Spencer —
5 (1) 21- **WALKINTHESAND** (209) R Hannon 9-0 ....T Marquand 74
6 (4) 3-2 **WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (41) A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-0 (BF) R L Moore 99
7 (3) 23- **I'LL HAVE ANOTHER** (176) M Johnston 8-12........ S De Sousa 75

BETTING: 13-8 Western Australia, 7-2 Kadar, 4 Kick On, 8 Walkinthesand, 10 Boerhan, 12 I'll Have Another, 16 Spanish Mission.
2018: MILDENBERGER 9 0, James Doyle 11-4 (M Johnston), drawn (4), 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6-4fav Chased leader in 2nd, ridden 2f out, stayed on to challenge and hampered 1f out, disputed briefly last 150 yards, held in 2nd closing stages, 2nd of 8, 1/2l behind Playa Del Puente at Dundalk 1m 3yo Listed stks (1) pol in Mar. **KADAR** 5-2 Tracked leaders, driven over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, challenged inside final furlong, stayed on to lead inside final 100 yards, ran on, won at Haydock 1m 2yo nov stk (4) gs in Sep beating Waldstern by 1 1/4l, 7 ran. **KICK ON** 16-1 In touch, ridden 2f out, not trouble leaders, 6th of 11, 3 1/2l behind Magna Grecia at Doncaster 1m 2yo Grp 1 (1) gs in Oct. **WALKINTHESAND** 13-8 Held up in close 4th, slightly checked after 1f, switched left inside final 2f, went 2nd over 1f out, led final 120 yards, won going away, won at Sandown 7f 2yo stks (3) gd in Sep beating Good Fortune by 2 1/4l, 4 ran. **BOERHAN** 14-1 Held up towards rear, ridden over 2f out, some headway approaching final furlong, 5th of 8, 8l behind Persian King at Newmarket 1m 2yo Grp 3 (1) gf in Oct. **I'LL HAVE ANOTHER** 3-1 Soon led, ridden over 1f out, headed and no extra inside final furlong, 3rd of 5, 3 1/2l behind Manuela De Vega at Pontefract 1m 2yo lst stk (1) gs in Oct. **SPANISH MISSION** 6-1 Held up towards rear, headway on outside over 1f out, pressing placed horses inside final furlong, no extra towards finish, 5th of 8, 3 1/2l behind Jahbath at Kempton 1m cond stks (2) pol in Mar.

SARABAND		MAJOR BET
STAGEHAND	1.15	STAGEHAND
DESERT DOCTOR	1.50	GREEN POWER
KUWAIT CURRENCY (NB)	2.25	AZANO
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (NAP)	3.00	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
MOT JUSTE	3.35	MOT JUSTE
CHASING DREAMS	4.10	KEMBLE
TATWEEJ	4.45	ALANDALOS
WAR TIGER	5.20	MARHABAN

TRACKFACTS

NEWMARKET: Meeting to be held on the Rowley Mile Course, which is used for most of the year. It is of a galloping nature and represents a fair test of speed and stamina.
TOP TRACK TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: (2014-2019): J Gosden 62-320, C Appleby 49-202, R Hannon 40-345, A P O'Brien 31-142, M Johnston 24-245.

3.35 *NELL GWYN STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 3) (1) (3-Y-O) 7f Winner £34,026 (11 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (5) 82- **ANGEL'S HIDEAWAY** (186) J Gosden 9-0.................R Havlin 99
2 (10) 31- **COME ON LEICESTER** (182) R Hannon 9-0 .... S De Sousa 95
3 (8) 17- **LOOK AROUND** (234) A Balding 9-0 (D2) ....O Murphy 90
4 (9) 53- **MAIN EDITION** (200) M Johnston 9-0 (BF, D)...........R L Moore 96
5 (11) 1- **MERCENARY ROSE** (133) P Cole 9-0 ....D Probert —
6 (2) 63- **MISTRESS OF LOVE** (164) K Burke 9-0 (D) .... Daniel Tudhope 93
7 (6) 11- **MOT JUSTE** (186) R Varian 9-0 (CD) .... A Atzeni 98
8 (1) -25 **NASHIRAH** (75) C Appleby 9-0..................................W Buick 89
9 (4) -11 **ORCHID STAR** (60) C Appleby 9-0 (D) ....James Doyle 70
10 (7) 1- **QABALA** (199) R Varian 9-0 (CD).......................... David Egan 88
11 (3) 13- **SUNDAY STAR** (186) Ed Walker 9-0 (CD).................... G Mosse 96

BETTING: 10-3 Mot Juste, 4 Main Edition, 9-2 Angel's Hideaway, 7 Sunday Star, 8 Qabala, 10 Look Around, Nashirah, Orchid Star, 25 Others.
2018: SOLILOQUY 9 0, W Buick 4-1 (C Appleby), drawn (5), 11 ran.

FORM GUIDE: MOT JUSTE 12-1 Close up, headway 2f out, ridden to lead just inside final furlong, ran on, won at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Oct beating Angel's Hideaway by 3/4l, 8 ran. **MAIN EDITION** 15-8fav Overall leader far side, ridden and headed entering final furlong, no extra and lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd of 9, 3 1/2l behind Just Wonderful at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll Grp 2 (1) gf in Sep. **ANGEL'S HIDEAWAY** 13-2 In touch towards rear, wide and headway over 1f out, stayed on to go 2nd towards finish, 2nd of 8, 3/4l behind Mot Juste at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Oct. **SUNDAY STAR** 11-2 Keen close up, headway to lead 2f out, ridden and headed just inside final furlong, one pace and lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd of 8, 1l behind Mot Juste at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Oct. **QABALA** 7-2fav In touch, pushed along 2f out, headway over 1f out, joined leader inside final furlong, ridden to lead final strides, won at Newmarket 7f mdn (4) gf in Sep beating Desirous by hd, 9 ran. **LOOK AROUND** 5-1 Held up, hampered soon after start, never dangerous, 7th of 8, 3 1/2l behind Antonia De Vega at Goodwood 7f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gd in Aug. **NASHIRAH** 5-1 5th of 15, 3l behind Golden Jaguar at Meydan(UAE) 7f 3yo stk gd in Jan. **ORCHID STAR** 1-12fav Made all, pushed out inside final furlong, ran on well, unchallenged (hand timed), won at Newcastle 1m Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) in Feb beating Farrdhana by 3l, 5 ran. **COME ON LEICESTER** 9-4 Unruly when mounted on walkway, tracked stands side leader, led overall over 1f out, pushed out, won at Leicester 6f 2yo fll stks (3) gs in Oct beating Gospel by 2 3/4l, 5 ran. **MISTRESS OF LOVE** 16-1 Mid-division, headway over 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, 3rd of 9, 3 1/2l behind Blue Gardenia at Newmarket 1m 2yo fll Listed stks (1) sft in Nov. **MERCENARY ROSE** 5-1 Made all, hard driven over 1f out, ran on strongly, won at Lingfield 5f 2yo nov stks (4) pol in Dec beating Sandridge Lad by 3l, 7 ran.

4.10 *BET365 BRITISH EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (PLUS 10) (4) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £5,175 (6 run) RTV*

1 (5) 5 **ARASUGAR** (17) J W Mullins 9-0 .... Hollie Doyle 99
2 (3) **AROHA** B Meehan 9-0 ....J Crowley —
3 (2) 4 **BARTAT** (13) M Channon 9-0................................. S De Sousa —
4 (6) **CHASING DREAMS** C Appleby 9-0 ....W Buick —
5 (4) **GOOD VIBES** P Evans 9-0 ....O Murphy —
6 (1) **KEMBLE** R Hannon 9-0 ....S Levey —

BETTING: 6-5 Chasing Dreams, 4 Kemble, 6 Good Vibes, 7 Aroha, 8 Arasugar, 10 Bartat.
2018: STRINGS OF LIFE 9 0, W Buick 2-1 JtFav (C Appleby), drawn (7), 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE: CHASING DREAMS Starspangledbanner filly out of A Huge Dream. **KEMBLE** Kodiac filly out of Cherrington. **GOOD VIBES** Due Diligence filly out of Satsuma. **AROHA** Kodiac filly out of Surrey Storm. **ARASUGAR** 100-1 Led, headed over 1f out, soon hampered and switched right, ridden and no extra inside final furlong, 5th of 17, 5l behind Show Me Show Me at Doncaster 5f 2yo stks (3) gd in Mar. **BARTAT** 7-1 Close up, pushed along 2f out, kept on same pace, 4th of 8, 10l behind Lady Kermit at Kempton 5f Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (5) pol.

4.45 *FILLIES' MAIDEN STAKES (PLUS 10) (DIV 2) (4) (3-Y-O) 1m Winner £6,469 (10 run) RTV*

1 (5) 4- **ALANDALOS** (118) C Hills 9-0................................. J Crowley —
2 (7) 7- **DINAH WASHINGTON** (175) M Bell 9-0................ L Steward 89
3 (3) 97- **FAST STRIKE** (183) D Lanigan 9-0........................S Donohoe 70
4 (9) **LAVENDER'S BLUE** Mrs A Perrett 9-0 .... R Havlin —
5 (8) 78- **MAAMORA** (199) S Crisford 9-0 .... S De Sousa 99
6 (6) **PLISSKEN** Tom Clover 9-0 ....P Cosgrave —
7 (2) **PRINCESS JULIANA** B Meehan 9-0 ....C Shepherd —
8 (1) **RIMMAL** J Noseda 9-0...J P Spencer —
9 (4) **TATWEEJ** Owen Burrows 9-0 ....D O'Neill —
10 (10) **XIMENA** Samuel Farrell 9-0 ....E J Walsh —

BETTING: 7-4 Alandalos, 4 Rimmal, 6 Tatweej, 10 Princess Juliana, 12 Fast Strike, Maamora, Dinah Washington, 14 Lavender's Blue, 16 Others.
2018: CEILIDHS DREAM 9 0, L Steward 14-1 (R Beckett), drawn (8), 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE: ALANDALOS 20-1 Dwelt in rear, switched right over 1f out, ran on final furlong, nearest finish, 4th of 11, 6l behind Entitle at Lingfield 1m 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Dec. **RIMMAL** Bellamy Road filly out of Shooting Party. **TATWEEJ** Invincible Spirit filly out of Beach Frolic. **PRINCESS JULIANA** Rip Van Winkle filly out of Conveyor Belt. **DINAH WASHINGTON** 18-1 Towards rear, pushed along 2f out, not trouble leaders, 7th of 10, 10l behind Frankellina at Yarmouth 1m 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf in Oct. **FAST STRIKE** 14-1 Held up in mid-division, ridden over 2f out, soon beaten, 7th of 10, 6l behind Desert Friend at Kempton 1m 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Oct. **MAAMORA** 22-1 Led or disputed lead, ridden and headed over 2f out, lost place over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 11, 11l behind Sparkle Roll at Haydock 1m 2yo fll nov stks (5) gs in Sep. **LAVENDER'S BLUE** Sea The Stars filly out of Beatrice Aurore. **PLISSKEN** Bated Breath filly out of Blast Furnace. **XIMENA** Poet's Voice filly out of Amanjena.

5.20 *BET365 HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-O) 1m 2f Winner £12,938 (5 run) RTV*

1 (4) 72- **MORDRED** (201) R Hannon 9-7 ....S Levey 99
2 (3) -11 **MARHABAN** (71) C Appleby 9-0 (D) ....W Buick —
3 (5) 311 **WAR TIGER** (54) R Fahey 8-12 ....T Hamilton —
4 (1) 21- **SOLID STONE** (160) Sir M Stoute 8-11....................R L Moore 70
5 (2) 11- **NEVER DO NOTHING** (201) A Balding 8-9.............O Murphy 73

BETTING: 2 Solid Stone, 11-4 Marhaban, 7-2 War Tiger, 5 Never Do Nothing, 8 Mordred.
2018: OLD PERSIAN 9 7, W Buick 5-2 Fav (C Appleby), drawn (10), 10 ran.

FORM GUIDE: SOLID STONE 2-7fav Tracked leaders, pushed along over 1f out, kept on to lead close home, won at Newcastle 7f 2yo nov stks (4) in Nov beating Forest Of Dean by nk, 5 ran. **MARHABAN** 1-2fav Made all, shaken up over 1f out, always doing enough inside final furlong, won at Wolverhampton 1m 1f Novice Stakes (3yo) (5) in Feb beating Cirque Royal by 3/4l, 7 ran. **WAR TIGER** 8-11fav Tracked leaders, led over 1f out, stayed on well, won at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-85 (4) in Feb beating Gantier by 3/4l, 4 ran. **NEVER DO NOTHING** 7-4fav Mid-division on inside, still plenty to do when switched right over 1f out, strong run inside final furlong, led near finish, won at Pontefract 1m nov aut stk (4) gd in Sep beating The Great Story by nk, 9 ran. **MORDRED** 8-1 Tracked leaders, pushed along over 2f out, switched right and effort to chase winner over 1f out, no impression final furlong, 2nd of 7, 2l behind Even Keel at Newmarket 1m 2yo hcp (2) gd in Sep.

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2.05 *FOLLOW RACINGTV ON TWITTER NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m 6f Winner £4,224 (9 run) RTV*

1 120 **ASK DILLON** (34) F O'Brien 6 11-5 (D).................. Paddy Brennan 98
2 619 **BOLDMERE** (38) G McPherson 6 11-5......................Kielan Woods 95
3 811 **DOLPHIN SQUARE** (29) P Hobbs 5 11-5 (C).........Mr D Maxwell (5) 94
4 164 **MR PUMBLECHOOK** (58) A King 5 11-5 .... Wayne Hutchinson 99
5 -83 **BLACKJACK KENTUCKY** (26) P Nicholls 6 10-13 .... Harry Cobden 97
6 760 **OFFICERNISI** (105) J W Mullins 6 10-13.................Kevin Jones (3) 80
7 6/P **SPANISH STARLING** (15) S-J Davies 7 10-13...Charlie Hammond (3) —
8 038 **FLOWING CADENZA** (26) R Buckler 5 10-6 .... James Best —
9 785 **OYSTER PERCH** (21) R Buckler 5 10-6 ....Ciaran Gethings 70

BETTING: 9-4 Dolphin Square, 5-2 Ask Dillon, 10-3 Blackjack Kentucky, 5 Mr Pumblechook, 13-2 Boldmere, 50 Flowing Cadenza, 66 Oyster Perch, Officernisi, 100 Spanish Starling.
2018: MASTER TOMMYTUCKER 7 11 5, H Cobden 4-5 Fav (P Nicholls), 7 ran.

FORM GUIDE: DOLPHIN SQUARE 7-1 Led and disputed, led 6th, went right 3 out, joined when good jump last, pushed along and stayed on gamely run-in, won at Exeter 2m 2f mdn hdl (4) sft in Mar beating Saint De Vassy by 1 1/2l, 10 ran. **ASK DILLON** 50-1 In rear, outpaced 3 out, never involved, 10th of 16, 29l behind City Island at Cheltenham 2m 5f nov hdl Grade 1 (1) sft in Mar. **BLACKJACK KENTUCKY** 13-2 Held up towards rear, headway approaching 3 out, kept on from next, went 3rd at the last, kept on until no extra towards finish, 3rd of 11, 2 1/4l behind New Age Dawning at Chepstow 3m nh nov hdl (4) gs in Mar. **MR PUMBLECHOOK** 9-2 In touch, headway 3 out, soon under pressure, weakened after next, modest 4th, 4th of 13, 31l behind Breaking Waves at Huntingdon 2m 5f nov hdl (4) gs in Feb. **BOLDMERE** 25-1 Mid-division, weakened 2 out, 9th of 18, 9l behind Third Wind at Sandown 2m 4f (1) sft in Mar. **FLOWING CADENZA** 66-1 Chased leader until over 4f out, chased leaders, weakened3f out, 8th of 14, 33l behind Subway Surf at Chepstow 2m mares n h flat (5) gs in Mar. **OFFICERNISI** 100-1 Mid-division, weakened 6th, tailed off, 13th of 18, well behind Greaneteen at Exeter 2m 2f NH mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan. **OYSTER PERCH** 50-1 In rear, soon pushed along, mistake 3rd, reminder next, behind from 6th, 5th of 6, well behind Ratfacemcdougall at Hereford 2m 6f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Mar. **SPANISH STARLING** 100-1 Towards rear, jumped right and bumped rival 1st, slow and pecked next, last 5th, behind next, pulled up after, in a race won by Dr Sanderson at Ludlow 2m 5f nh nov hdl (4) gd, 7 ran.

2.40 *LIKE RACING TV ON FACEBOOK HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m 2f 111yds Winner £7,148 (8 run) RTV*

1 332 **MASTER WORK** (24) P Hobbs 6 11-12 (CD) ....Tom O'Brien 90
2 260 **NELSON'S TOUCH** (59) J W Mullins 6 11-8.............Kevin Jones (3) 99
3 033 **MALACHITE** (46) N Henderson 6 11-6 ....Nico De Boinville 96
4 151 **RENWICK** (17) D Skelton 6 11-5 .... Harry Skelton 93
5 764 **MAGNA CARTOR** Dr R Newland 9 11-4 ...... Charlie Hammond (3) 70
6 334 **HERE'S HERBIE** (2) Mrs S Gardner 11 11-2 (CD2) .... James Best 97
7 603 **BANG ON** (39) J Scott 6 11-1 .... M Griffiths 94
8 802 **HATTAAB** (7) Henry Oliver 6 10-3 .... Jason Dixon (7) 99

BETTING: 5-2 Renwick, 7-2 Master Work, 6 Magna Cartor, Bang On, 13-2 Malachite, 10 Hattaab, 12 Nelson's Touch, 14 Here's Herbie.
2018: No corresponding race.

FORM GUIDE: RENWICK 3-1fav Chased leaders, closed before 4 out, challenged 3 out, soon led, edged right before last, edged left flat, headed towards finish, led again post, won at Uttoxeter 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in Mar beating Starjac by shd, 18 ran. **MASTER WORK** 9-2 Held up in touch, not fluent 4 out, tracked leaders before next, upsides 2 out, led narrowly between last 2, not fluent last, soon headed, ridden and kept on same pace flat, 2nd of 7, 2 3/4l behind Lillington at Newbury 2m hcp chs 0-130 (3) gs in Mar. **BANG ON** 5-2 Chased leaders on inside, went 2nd between last 2, no extra in 3rd run-in, 3rd of 7, 3l behind Shanroe Tic Tec at Sandown 2m Am hcp hdl 0-115 (4) sft in Mar. **MAGNA CARTOR** 40-1 Chased leaders early, not fluent 1st and soon dropped to mid-division, 5th from halfway, closer in 4th from 3 out and pushed along in 3rd from next, ridden from last and no impression, dropped to 4th run-in, 4th of 11, 11l behind Hearts Are Trumps at Galway 2m 1f hcp hdl in Oct. **MALACHITE** 12-1 Mid-division on inside, headway tracking leaders before 3 out, chance when mistake next, hung left and kept on under pressure into 3rd run-in, 3rd of 12, 8l behind Ey Up Rocky at Newbury 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gs in Mar.

SARABAND		MAJOR BET
BOLDMERE	2.05	DOLPHIN SQUARE
RENWICK	2.40	MASTER WORK
ROCOCO RIVER	3.15	MELEKHOV
DANCING SHADOW	3.50	DANCING SHADOW
COME ON CHARLIE	4.25	COME ON CHARLIE
KIT BARRY	5.00	THEATRE TERRITORY
GRUMPY CHARLEY	5.35	WHENHELLBROKELOOSE

3.15 *JOIN RACING TV NOW MAIDEN HURDLE (5) 2m 1f Winner £3,249 (14 run) RTV*

1 003 **GRANITIC** (39) J W Mullins 6 11-4.....................Jeremiah McGrath 99
2 -76 **HERE'S BINGO** (335) Mrs S Gardner 6 11-4................. James Best —
3 -42 **MELEKHOV** (36) P Hobbs 5 11-4 ....R Johnson 98
4 805 **NINEOHTWOONEOH** (24) P Nicholls 5 11-4 .... Harry Cobden 75
5 6F0 **RAVING BONKERS** (47) M Keighley 6 11-4..................H Stock (5) 74
6 F-6 **ROCOCO RIVER** (86) Mrs J Williams 5 11-4 .... Lizzie Kelly (3) 92
7 070 **VINNIE ROUGE** (17) N Mulholland 5 11-4 .... P K Donovan (7) 70
8 P **WOODUKHELEYFIT** (43) Emma Lavelle 5 11-4.... Leighton Aspell —
9 **SALAZAR** S-J Davies 4 10-13 .... Charlie Hammond (3) —
10 9-6 **CORRUPTION** (157) A Dunn 5 10-11 .... Tom Scudamore —
11 1- **FIRST DESTINATION** (618) Robert Stephens 7 10-11 (D ....)...................................Tom O'Brien —
12 44- **QUICK WAVE** (405) Miss V Williams 6 10-11 .... Sean Bowen —
13 P-0 **TRYSOR YNYS** (15) E Williams 6 10-11 ....Mitchell Bastyan (5) 78
14 5F **TIMASSINI** (28) E Williams 4 10-6 ....Adam Wedge 93

BETTING: 5-2 Melekhov, 3 Quick Wave, 4 Timassini, 13-2 First Destination, 8 Rococo River, Granitic, 14 Nineohtwooneoh, 33 Woodukheleyfit, 50 Others.
2018: THE CANNISTER MAN 6 10 12, C Deutsch 3-1 (Sam Thomas), 12 ran.

3.50 *RACINGTV.COM DEVON STAYERS HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m 7f Winner £12,996 (11 run) RTV*

1 026 **SNUFF BOX** (10) Miss V Williams 8 12-2.............. Charlie Deutsch 77
2 424 **DANCING SHADOW** (28) V Dartnall 10 11-12 (BF, C) .. James Best 80
3 22P **LEN BRENNAN** (40) T Vaughan 6 11-11 ....Alan Johns 99
4 21P **PLANTAGENET** (35) J W Mullins 7 11-11 ....D Sansom (5) 76
5 -74 **BERTIE BORU** (23) C J Gray 12 11-6 (C).....................Tom O'Brien 72
6 P-6 **YOU SAY WHAT** (23) D Pipe 9 11-4 (C3).............. Tom Scudamore 70
7 313 **SANDHURST LAD** (26) W Greatrex 8 11-3 (BF)............ R Johnson 84
8 522 **ONE OF US** (40) N Williams 7 11-1 (BF) .... Sam Twiston-Davies 79
9 4P4 **KILCULLEN FLEM** (33) P Kirby 9 10-12 .... Thomas Dowson (3) 77
10 623 **THE HAPPY CHAPPY** (18) Mrs S Humphrey 8 10-9... Sean Bowen 82
11 1P1 **STEEL NATIVE** (24) D Rees 8 10-5 .... Richard Patrick (3) 76

BETTING: 4 One Of Us, 11-2 Sandhurst Lad, 13-2 The Happy Chappy, 8 Dancing Shadow, Plantagenet, Snuff Box, 10 Kilcullen Flem, Len Brennan, Steel Native, 14 Others.
2018: SPOOKYDOOKY 10 11 7, R Johnson 7-2 (Jonjo O'Neill), 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE: ONE OF US 2-1fav Led until 5th, led 7th, headed 10th, led 11th, headed after 13th, led 4 out, headed before 3 out, landed awkwardly 2 out, no impression on winner last, 2nd of 8, 6l behind Barbrook Star at Wincanton 3m 1f hcp chs 0-125 (3) gs in Mar. **SANDHURST LAD** 5-2fav Chased leaders, went 2nd 4th until before 8th, chased leaders, lost 3rd briefly 5 out, never any chance with winner, held on for 3rd, 3rd of 10, 9l behind Newtown Lad at Chepstow 3m hcp chs 0-115 (4) gs in Mar. **THE HAPPY CHAPPY** 9-2 Held up, reminders after 13th, soon lost touch, stayed on under pressure approaching last, took 3rd towards finish, no chance with leading pair, 3rd of 7, 20l behind Uallrightharry at Fontwell 3m 2f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in Mar. **DANCING SHADOW** 15-8fav Chased leader, led 5th until 7th, chased leader until 8th, chased leading pair, jumped right 13th, lost 3rd and weakened 4 out, 4th of 5, 30l behind Like The Sound at Taunton 3m 4f hcp chs 0-130 (3) sft in Mar. **PLANTAGENET** 100-1 Towards rear on outside, reminders after 16th, headway into mid-division 18th, struggling 5 out, weakened and pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Le Breuil at Cheltenham 4m Grade 2 Amateur Novice Chase (5yo+) (1) sft in Mar, 18 ran.

4.25 *EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m 3f Winner £4,224 (10 run) RTV*

1 233 **COME ON CHARLIE** (12) P Hobbs 7 12-0 (D) ....R Johnson 70
2 4U7 **ALL KINGS** (36) R Buckler 10 11-12 ....Daryl Jacob 99
3 554 **FULL SHIFT** (12) R Brotherton 10 11-9...............Benjamin Poste 99
4 471 **TUDORS TREASURE** (23) Robert Stephens 8 11-9 (CD) ....Tom O'Brien 94
5 336 **KILINAKIN** (78) Miss Z Davison 9 11-6........................James Best 97
6 073 **KINGSTON MIMOSA** (28) M Gillard 7 10-1 ....D Hiskett (5) 96
7 052 **RULE THE OCEAN** (21) M Sheppard 9 10-1......Mr Charlie Todd (7) 94
8 P69 **ST MERRYN** (106) B Summers 8 10-0......... Charlie Hammond (3) 72
9 5P5 **GILLY GRACE** (23) J Frost 9 10-0............................Will Kennedy 90
10 76P **EDDIES PEARL** (99) B Forsey 9 10-0......................Rex Dingle (5) —

BETTING: 5-2 Tudors Treasure, 11-4 Rule The Ocean, 6 Come On Charlie, 13-2 Kingston Mimosa, 8 Kilinakin, 12 All Kings, 14 St Merryn, 20 Full Shift, Gilly Grace, 33 Eddies Pearl.
2018: KAVANAGHS CORNER 9 10 5, CP Shoemark 2-1 (S Earle), 5 ran.

FORM GUIDE: TUDORS TREASURE 7-2 Tracked leaders, disputed lead after 4th, outpaced by leader 3 out, ridden and rallied before last, led flat, kept on, all out, won at Exeter 2m 3f hcp chs 0-100 (5) gs in Mar beating Ericas Lad by 1 1/4l, 7 ran. **RULE THE OCEAN** 5-1 Held up, headway 9th, challenged 3 out, held before last, kept on flat, 2nd of 7, 2 1/4l behind Eastern Lady at Hereford 2m 5f Mares Handicap Chase (0-100) (5yo+) (5) gd in Mar. **COME ON CHARLIE** 7-1 Chased leaders on inside, driven along and one pace in 3rd before went badly right 3 out, 3rd of 8, 40l behind Polo The Mumm at Taunton 2m 2f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd. **KINGSTON MIMOSA** 20-1 Held up in touch, headway chasing leaders before 3 out, left disputing 2nd and hampered 3 out, hampered again next, soon ridden and no extra in 3rd, 3rd of 7, 9l behind Midnight Owle at Taunton 2m 2f 5yo nov hcp (4) sft in Mar. **KILINAKIN** 5-1 Never fluent, last pair, mistake 8th, never a factor, 6th of 9, 41l behind Song Saa at Kempton 2m 4f hcp chs 0-115 (4) gs in Jan. **ALL KINGS** 10-1 Tracked leader, ridden and weakened from 11th, blundered 3 out, 7th of 10, 28l behind Royal Act at Taunton 2m hcp chs 0-100 (5) gs in Mar. **ST MERRYN** 10-1 Not fluent 1st, always behind, tailed off, 9th of 12, 49l behind Lightentertainment at Warwick 2m hcp 0-100 (5) gs in Dec. **FULL SHIFT** 25-1 Last pair, lost touch 7th, blundered 9th, left poor 4th after 4 out, tailed off, 4th of 8, well behind Polo The Mumm at Taunton 2m 2f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd.

5.00 *NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE (6) 3m Winner £1,872 (6 run) RTV*

1 611 **IM ALL SET** (12) Mrs C Hitch 10 12-0 (D7) ....Mr D Prichard (3) 73
2 363 **MASTER SUNRISE** (19) A Ralph 10 12-0 (D3)........ Mr James King 77
3 1P3 **DRAFT PICK** (24) J Ridley 6 11-10 ....Mr Z Baker —
4 1P2 **DRUMLYNN** (49) L Harvey 8 11-10 (BF, D)...............Mr D Edwards 78
5 424 **KIT BARRY** (12) David Dando 11 11-10 (D3).......Charlie Dando (7) 70
6 238 **THEATRE TERRITORY** (10) W Greatrex 9 11-3 (D)...Mr Sam Waley-Cohen 99

BETTING: 2-5 Theatre Territory, 5 Drumlynn, 10 Master Sunrise, 14 Im All Set, 16 Kit Barry, 25 Draft Pick.
2018: PALMARIA 8 11 3, Mr W Biddick 5-2 JtFav (Mrs C Keevil), 8 ran.

5.35 *P2P BUMPER MAIDEN NH FLAT RACE (AMATEURS) (4) 2m 1f Winner £3,249 (11 run) RTV*

1 P21 **GETABUCK** (16) P W Mason 6 11-12 ....Mr P Mason (7) —
2 12U **MERCHANT HOUSE** (16) L Jefford 5 11-12 (BF)... Miss Millie Wonnacott (7) —
3 2 **THE GALLOPING BEAR** (24) Ben Clarke 6 11-12..........Mr M Legg —
4 1 **WHENHELLBROKELOOSE** (37) A King 6 11-12 . Mr Alex Edwards —
5 113 **WOODBROOK BOY** (37) J J Hanlon (IRE) 5 11-12 ...Mr T Hamilton —
6 2 **FULL OF ROQUE** (37) T Vaughan 4 11-7 .Mr Morgan Winstone (7) —
7 1 **GRUMPY CHARLEY** (24) Chris Honour 4 11-7 .... Mr B Carver (7) —
8 24 **REFLEX ACTION** (24) J Tickle 4 11-7 .... Mr D Andrews (7) —
9 53 **SPECTACULAR RIVAL** (37) Miss H Brookshaw 4 11-7......Mr W Biddick —
10 3UR **WESTERN WHISKEY** (16) D Summersby 4 11-7...Mr Liam Harrison (7) —
11 3 **MOUNT NELLY** (52) D Pipe 5 11-5..................Mr Fergus Gillard (7) —

BETTING: 13-8 Whenhellbrokeloose, 4 Woodbrook Boy, 13-2 Getabuck, 8 Mount Nelly, 10 Merchant House, Grumpy Charley, 16 The Galloping Bear, Full Of Roque, 25 Others.
2018: BILLYGWYN TOO 5 11 12, C Brace(7) 9-1 (J W Tudor), 8 ran.

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Going: Standard
Draw: No advantage in the draw

5.45 *HANDICAP (6) 1m 1f Winner £3,105 (13 run) SSR*

1 (8) 864 **GABRIAL'S KAKA** (3) P Morris 9 9-7 (D) .... P Mathers 81
2 (10) 150 **ARROWZONE** (43) Kevin Frost 8 9-7 (CD5) ....J Hart 85
3 (13) 427 **AQUA LIBRE** (17) Jennie Candlish 6 9-6 (C)..............J Fanning 85
4 (5) 712 **AMOR FATI** (19) P Evans 4 9-6 (CD).................... Nicola Currie 84
5 (6) 299 **SCENERY** (3) Mrs M Fife 4 9-5......................................L Morris 84
6 (11) 80- **HIGHLAND BOBBY** D O'Meara 4 9-5.............................S Gray 75
7 (3) 426 **STAND N DELIVER** (34) C Cox 5 9-5 ....A Kirby 85
8 (2) -62 **CAPE AGULHAS** (32) W J Martin (IRE) 5 9-4 ....S W Kelly 99
9 (4) 195 **UBLA** (3) Miss G Kelleway 6 9-4 (CD)..........................W Cox (3) 84
10 (9) 324 **LUKOUTOLDMAKEZEBAK** (17) D Thompson 6 8-7 ....F Norton 84
11 (7) 255 **ZARKAVON** (19) J Wainwright 5 8-7 .... Faye McManoman (5) 84
12 (12) 0-7 **CAPTAIN MARMALADE** (71) J Fox 7 8-7 .... Thore Hansen (5) 70
13 (1) 645 **GONE WITH THE WIND** (20) Rebecca Bastiman 8 8-7 (CD2) .. ..Phil Dennis 78

BETTING: 9-2 Amor Fati, 5 Gabrial's Kaka, 6 Stand N Deliver, 7 Cape Agulhas, 8 Ubla, 10 Aqua Libre, 12 Lukoutoldmakezebak, Highland Bobby, Gone With The Wind, Arrowzone, 14 Others.
2018: SPIRITUAL STAR 9 9 4, P Bradley(5) 9-1 (L Carter), drawn (7), 12 ran.

FORM GUIDE: AMOR FATI 9-2 Held up towards rear, took keen hold, headway over 1f out, soon switched right, switched right inside final furlong, stayed on, went 2nd post, just held, 2nd of 10, hd behind Compass Point at Chelmsford City 1m hcp 0-60 (6) pol in Mar. **GABRIAL'S KAKA** 16-1 Slowly into stride, held up in rear, headway 1f out, soon not much room and switched right, again not much room, stayed on, never able to challenge, 4th of 12, 3/4l behind Medici Moon at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-60 (6). **STAND N DELIVER** 10-3 Prominent, ridden final furlong, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 9, 3 1/2l behind Lothario at Kempton 1m hcp 0-65 (6) pol in Mar. **CAPE AGULHAS** 20-1 Dwelt, soon led and disputed, went on from halfway, edged right over 1f out, headed well inside final furlong, kept on without matching winner, 2nd of 7, 3/4l behind Georgian Bay at Dundalk 1m 3f clm stks 0-65 pol in Mar. **UBLA** 9-2 Mid-division, headway on outside over 2f out, every chance well inside final furlong, kept on, 5th of 12, 1l behind Medici Moon at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-60 (6). **AQUA LIBRE** 12-1 Behind, outpaced when switched towards outer after 1f, ridden over 2f out, never a threat, 7th of 8, 10l behind Crosse Fire at Southwell 7f hcap 0-70 (5) fbs in Mar. **ARROWZONE** 7-1 Raced keenly towards rear, never on terms, last of 11, 10l behind Creative Talent at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-60 (6) in Mar. **GONE WITH THE WIND** 7-1 Held up towards rear, headway when not clear run approaching final furlong, switched right, never on terms, 5th of 9, 9l behind Capofaro at Kempton 1m Classified Stakes (3yo+) (6) pol in Mar. **HIGHLAND BOBBY** 50-1 With leader, led 3f out, driven and headed well over 1f out, soon ridden, weakened inside final furlong, 10th of 12, 7l behind Sempre Presto at Pontefract 1m 4f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gs in Oct. **LUKOUTOLDMAKEZEBAK** 5-1 In touch, ridden 3f out, headway over 1f out, nearest finish, 4th of 11, 6l behind Limerick Lord at Southwell 1m hcp 0-50 (7) fbs in Mar.

6.15 *SUNRACING.CO.UK HANDICAP (6) 7f Winner £3,105 (12 run) SSR*

1 (10) 145 **NARALSAIF** (34) D Shaw 5 9-5 (CD2) .... P Mathers 96
2 (9) 611 **MYSTICAL MOON** (11) D C Griffiths 4 9-4 (C) .... Phil Dennis 95
3 (12) -70 **FORMIGA** (22) S Durack 4 9-4 ....R Da Silva 83
4 (5) 36/ **BAZZAT** (826) C Moore (IRE) 6 9-4................Mark Crehan (7) —
5 (7) 216 **CLEMENT** (5) Mrs M Fife 9 9-4 (D8)...............................L Morris 93
6 (1) 397 **MAGICAL MOLLY JOE** (5) T D Barron 5 9-3 (CD) . P J McDonald 95
7 (11) 516 **SEAFORTH** (22) A Wintle 7 9-3 (BF, CD).......... Finley Marsh (3) 95
8 (4) 950 **BLUE ROCKS** (19) Mrs L Williamson 5 9-3 (C2) ....Seamus Cronin (5) 85
9 (6) 756 **INDIAN AFFAIR** (22) J Bradley 9 9-3 (CD)................S W Kelly 99
10 (8) 90- **MURAADEF** (213) Mrs R Carr 4 9-3.........................J P Sullivan —
11 (3) 768 **LITTLE MISS DAISY** (15) W Muir 5 9-3.............. Nicola Currie 96
12 (2) 07- **PRINCE OF TIME** (132) Mrs Stella Barclay 7 9-2 (CD2)............ ....D E Hogan (5) 70

BETTING: 7-2 Mystical Moon, 5 Clement, 6 Naralsaif, 7 Seaforth, Magical Molly Joe, 8 Indian Affair, 10 Bazzat, 12 Little Miss Daisy, 16 Others.
2018: LORD MURPHY 5 9 7, A Mullen 4-1 JtFav (D M Loughnane), drawn (1), 10 ran.

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AMOR FATI	5.45	GABRIAL'S KAKA
MYSTICAL MOON	6.15	MYSTICAL MOON
INVITATIONAL	6.45	VIVIONN
KYLLANG ROCK	7.15	KYLLANG ROCK
LOPES DANCER	7.45	ALABASTER
GRASMERE	8.15	HERM

6.45 *LADBROKES HOME OF THE ODDS BOOST FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (5) 7f Winner £3,752 (12 run) SSR*

1 (10) 0-1 **INVITATIONAL** (101) R Varian 3 9-4 (D) .... J Mitchell 97
2 (11) 14- **LADY MADISON** (201) R Hughes 3 9-4....................S W Kelly 93
3 (7) 41- **SONJA HENIE** (153) M Botti 3 9-4 (D).................... D Muscutt 92
4 (8) 81- **VIVIONN** (210) Sir M Stoute 3 9-4 (D) ....D Probert 70
5 (5) 68- **ASTROLOGER** (125) D O'Meara 3 8-11 .... R P Downey 91
6 (2) 49 **DI MATTEO** (36) M Botti 3 8-11.....................Aaron Jones (3) 88
7 (3) 7 **GONBUTNOTFORGOTTEN** (11) P McBride 3 8-11........J Hart 83
8 (12) **JUMEIRAH** Eve J-Houghton 3 8-11 ....C Bishop —
9 (9) 3 **LADY SCHANNELL** (36) M Botti 3 8-11 ....L Morris 93
10 (6) U- **LOVEATFIRSTLIGHT** (202) J Unett 3 8-11 ....Toby Eley (7) —
11 (1) 5-2 **MONETA** (24) J Portman 3 8-11................................R Hornby 96
12 (4) 3-2 **NOOSHIN** (24) C Hills 3 8-11 .... Hayley Turner 99

BETTING: 3 Vivionn, 4 Nooshin, 9-2 Invitational, 6 Sonja Henie, 7 Lady Schannell, 10 Lady Madison, 12 Moneta, 14 Di Matteo, 25 Others.
2018: BESHAAYIR 3 9 5, James Doyle 1-5 Fav (W Haggas), drawn (3), 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE: VIVIONN 6-4fav Prominent, went 2nd 2f out, led inside final furlong, ran on, won at Lingfield 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (5) pol in Sep beating Mums Hope by 1l, 12 ran. **NOOSHIN** 7-2 Took keen hold, chased leaders, went 2nd 6f out, led over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, stayed on, 2nd of 8, hd behind Madame Tantzy at Kempton 1m Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) pol in Mar. **INVITATIONAL** 20-1 Prominent, led 6f out, clear over 1f out, driven entering final furlong, held on, won at Kempton 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) pol in Jan beating Vandella by 1/2l, 14 ran. **SONJA HENIE** 7-2fav Made all, driven clear approaching final furlong, comfortably, won at Kempton 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (5) pol in Nov beating Evolutionary by 1 1/4l, 13 ran. **LADY SCHANNELL** 25-1 Hampered start, soon mid-division on inside, headway between horses over 1f out, not clearest of runs and stayed on inside final furlong, went 3rd close home, 3rd of 14, 1 1/2l behind Whisper Aloud at Kempton 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) pol in Mar. **LADY MADISON** 3-1 Went left start, prominent, ridden over 1f out, stayed on same pace, 4th of 8, 6l behind San Donato at Kempton 6f 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Sep. **MONETA** 9-1 Led early, prominent, ridden 2f out, no impression on winner inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 8, 3l behind Star Of War at Kempton 1m Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) pol in Mar. **DI MATTEO** 9-1 Dwelt and hampered start, soon in touch on inside, ridden and weakened well over 1f out, 9th of 14, 6l behind Whisper Aloud at Kempton 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) pol in Mar. **JUMEIRAH** Acclamation filly out of Scarlet Plum. **ASTROLOGER** 25-1 Soon led, hung left over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, faded, 8th of 14, 6l behind Set Piece at Kempton 1m 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Dec. **GONBUTNOTFORGOTTEN** 66-1 Slowly away,towards rear, pushed along over 2f out, never on terms, 7th of 10, 6l behind Kodiac Lass at Wolverhampton 7f Novice Stakes (3-4yo) (5).

7.15 *BETWAY CONDITIONS STAKES (3) 5f Winner £7,159 (7 run) SSR*

1 (7) 283 **CORINTHIA KNIGHT** (24) Archie Watson 4 9-6 (CD) ....E Greatrex 99
2 (3) 40- **STORM OVER** (178) G Scott 5 9-6 (CD)....................H Bentley —
3 (2) 173 **TROPICS** (54) D Ivory 11 9-6 (C, D3) ....A Kirby 93
4 (4) 348 **GRACIOUS JOHN** (4) P Evans 6 9-2 (CD) ....T Marquand 91
5 (1) -16 **JUST THAT LORD** (18) M Attwater 6 9-2 (CD3)...........L Morris 70
6 (6) 16- **KYLLANG ROCK** (339) J Tate 5 9-2 (BF, D4) .... P J McDonald —
7 (5) 481 **REFLEKTOR** (19) T Dascombe 6 9-2 (C2, D2) ....R Kingscote 79

BETTING: 15-8 Kyllang Rock, 3 Corinthia Knight, 9-2 Tropics, 7 Gracious John, 8 Reflektor, 12 Storm Over, 20 Just That Lord.
2018: DOCTOR SARDONICUS 7 9 6, M Harley 3-1 (T Dascombe), drawn (1), 5 ran.

FORM GUIDE: KYLLANG ROCK 6-4fav Tracked leader on far side, pushed along and no impression in 4th 1f out, no extra inside final furlong, 6th of 8, 5l behind Ardhoomey at Curragh 5f Listed stks (1) hvy in May. **CORINTHIA KNIGHT** 10-1 Dwelt in touch, ridden over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd of 10, 1 1/2l behind Gold Filigree at Lingfield 5f 3yo hcp 0-105 (2) pol in Mar. **TROPICS** 20-1 With leader, led over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 8, 1 1/2l behind Boom The Groom at Wolverhampton 5f hcap (2) in Feb. **GRACIOUS JOHN** 5-1 Awkwardly away, close up, pushed along halfway, weakened over 1f out, last of 8, 16l behind Stake Acclaim at Newbury 5f hcp (2) sft. **REFLEKTOR** 12-1 Made all, edged left after 1f, ridden over 1f out, kept on well under pressure, won at Wolverhampton 6f hcp 0-90 (3) in Mar beating Areen Heart by 3/4l, 9 ran. **STORM OVER** 15-2 Always towards rear, last of 14, 10l behind Foolaad at Catterick 5f hcp 0-100 (2) sft in Oct. **JUST THAT LORD** 5-1 Tracked leaders, outpaced 2f out, ridden over 1f out, gradually weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 10, 4l behind Drakefell at Lingfield 5f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in Mar.

7.45 *BETWAY LIVE CASINO HANDICAP (4) 2m 120yds Winner £5,531 (7 run) SSR*

1 (4) 352 **ALABASTER** (22) Sir M Prescott 5 9-11.......................L Morris 92
2 (3) 17- **SEINESATIONAL** (152) W Knight 4 9-9 .... David Egan 89
3 (6) 414 **LOPES DANCER** (55) Harriet Bethell 7 9-7 ....J Fanning 94
4 (1) 527 **COUNTRY'N'WESTERN** (16) R Eddery 7 9-5 ....Darragh Keenan (5) 99
5 (5) 6/5 **UNCLE BERNIE** (78) Sarah Hollinshead 9 9-2 (CD3)............... ....G Malune (3) 70
6 (2) -70 **BLACK NOAH** (35) J Farrelly 4 9-0 ....D Probert 97
7 (7) 434 **KNIGHT COMMANDER** (14) S Flook 6 8-7.............R Da Silva 90

BETTING: 2 Alabaster, 7-2 Lopes Dancer, 4 Seinesational, 5 Country'n'western, 10 Black Noah, 12 Uncle Bernie, 16 Knight Commander.
2018: WESTERN WAY 9 9 9, Rossa Ryan(5) 4-1 (D Cantillon), drawn (8), 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE: ALABASTER 6-1 Went right start, prominent, ridden to chase winner 2f out, soon left behind, 2nd of 12, 8l behind Eden Rose at Lingfield 2m hcp 0-75 (5) pol in Mar. **LOPES DANCER** 8-1 Tracked leader, ridden over 2f out, every chance over 1f out, stayed on same pace inside final furlong, 4th of 10, 4 1/2l behind Desert Ruler at Newcastle 1m 4f hcp 0-80 (4) in Feb. **SEINESATIONAL** 3-1 Took keen hold, tracked leader, led 12f out, headed 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 9, 13l behind Sassie at Kempton 2m hcp 0-75 (5) pol in Nov. **COUNTRY'N'WESTERN** 8-1 Held up towards rear, pushed along and headway 3f out, switched right 2f out, ridden over 1f out, staying on when not clear run close home, 7th of 17, 4l behind Extreme Appeal at Doncaster 1m 4f am hcp (4yo+) (5) gd in Mar. **BLACK NOAH** 25-1 In rear, behind 7f out, tailed off, last of 13, well behind Champarisi at Southwell 1m 4f hcp 0-75 (5) fbs in Mar. **UNCLE BERNIE** 66-1 Slowly into stride, held up in rear, headway over 2f out, never on terms, 5th of 10, 11l behind French Mix at Wolverhampton 1m 6f am hcp (5) in Jan. **KNIGHT COMMANDER** 20-1 In touch, pushed along 3f out, headway and switched right entering final furlong, ran on, nearest finish, 4th of 11, 3 1/2l behind Tin Fandango at Lingfield 2m hcap 0-70 (5) pol.

8.15 *BETWAY HANDICAP (6) 1m 1f 104yds Winner £3,105 (13 run) SSR*

1 (9) 996 **SIR GEORGE SOMERS** (34) N Twiston-Davies 6 9-7 .. L Keniry 93
2 (5) 4-8 **CAT ROYALE** (24) J Butler 6 9-5 (CD) ....A Kirby 97
3 (10) 50- **GRASMERE** (152) A Bailey 4 9-4 .... Darragh Keenan (5) 93
4 (12) 364 **HERM** (19) P Evans 5 9-3 (C2) ....T Marquand 96
5 (1) 347 **FINAL ATTACK** (19) Sarah Hollinshead 8 9-3 (CD) ....G Malune (3) 98
6 (11) 19- **ALLUX BOY** (174) N Tinkler 5 9-2 (CD)... Faye McManoman (5) 94
7 (6) 090 **THA'IR** (5) P McBride 9 9-2 (CD3) .... D Brock 70
8 (2) 622 **VOICE OF A LEADER** (17) P Howling 8 9-2 (CD).........J Haynes 96
9 (13) 86/ **PENNY GREEN** (855) C Moore (IRE) 5 9-2......Mark Crehan (7) —
10 (7) 558 **SPLASH OF VERVE** (18) D Thompson 7 9-1 (CD)....... F Norton 99
11 (8) 72/ **EUGENIC** (541) Mrs T Barfoot-Saunt 8 9-1 .... Hayley Turner —
12 (4) 225 **FIRST CALL** (18) P Morris 4 9-0 .... David Egan 98
13 (3) 554 **BORN TO REASON** (13) Kevin Frost 5 8-12 (CD2).....D Costello 94

BETTING: 9-2 Herm, 5 Cat Royale, 6 Voice of A Leader, 7 Final Attack, 8 First Call, 10 Allux Boy, 12 Born To Reason, 14 Eugenic, Grasmere, Splash Of Verve, Sir George Somers, 16 Others.
2018: No corresponding race.

RESULTS

HEXHAM

Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

2.10 (2m 48yds, £7,400 added): **1 GLINGER FLAME (IRE)** (S Quinlan) 1-2Fav; **2 MR SCRUMPY** 9-4; **3 BOBNDAVE (IRE)** 33-1. Also: 13-2 Honourary Gift (IRE) 4th, 66-1 Likeamonkey run out, 66-1 Sixties Star 5th, 250-1 My Shirocco pulled up, 250-1 Sailing Away (IRE) 6th. 12 ran. 2¾l, 9l. (N G Richards). NR: Express Des Mottes.

2.40 (1m 7f 133yds, £8,416 added): **1 JOHNNY YUMA (IRE)** (B Poste) 11-4; **2 MISS AMELIA** 5-2Fav; **3 ROXYFET (FR)** 20-1. Also: 3-1 Ringaringarosie (IRE) 6th, 11-2 Casimir Du Clos (FR) 5th, 16-1 Duhallowcountry (IRE) 4th, 22-1 Early Boy (FR) pulled up. 7 ran. 3¼l, hd. (Katy Price).

3.10 (2m 4f 28yds, £7,400 added): **1 MISS DELIGHTED (IRE)** (R Turner) 5-4Fav; **2 WOULD YOU BYPASS (IRE)** 25-1; **3 ETAMINE DU COCHET (FR)** 11-8. Also: 8-1 Sweet Vinetta 6th, 11-1 Calliope 5th, 33-1 Jupiters Way 4th, 125-1 Tara Force pulled up, 250-1 Georgie Bear pulled up. 11 ran. 4l, 9l. (Oliver Greenall).

3.40 (2m 4f 28yds, £12,200 added): **1 SOLO SAXOPHONE (IRE)** (H Skelton) 4-9Fav; **2 BECKY THE THATCHER** 16-1; **3 SAINT FREULE (FR)** 11-4. Also: 20-1 Welsh Rarebit 5th, 25-1 The Vocalist 4th, 28-1 Fisher Green (IRE) pulled up, 50-1 Moorlands Mist 6th. 7 ran. 1¾l, 3¾l. (D Skelton).

4.10 (3m 41yds, £8,800 added): **1 PRINCE DUNDEE (IRE)** (B Campbell) 15-8Fav; **2 EXIT TO WHERE (FR)** 14-1; **3 APACHE PILOT** 17-2. Also: 8-1 Flying Jack 6th, 9-1 Scorpo (IRE) pulled up, 10-1 Monsieur Bagot (IRE) pulled up, 10-1 Square Viviani (FR) pulled up, 16-1 So Satisfied pulled up, 18-1 Alto Des Mottes (FR) 4th, 18-1 Shaiyzar (IRE) 5th, 25-1 Quizzacle Nomad pulled up. 12 ran. 2½l, 15l. (Miss Lucinda V Russell). NR: Allez Cool.

4.40 (3m 41yds, £3,500 added): **1 SAUSALITO SUNRISE (IRE)** (M Alex Ferguson) 11-10Fav; **2 RAVISHED (IRE)** 5-2; **3 GRAN PARADISO (IRE)** 13-2. Also: 13-2 Cave Hunter (IRE) pulled up, 25-1 Damiens Dilemma (IRE) 4th, 33-1 Settledoutofcourt (IRE) 6th, 100-1 Pyjama Game (IRE) 5th. 7 ran. 1l, 9l. (Olly Murphy).

5.10 (2m 48yds, £3,500 added): **1 SHANROE** (D A Jacob) 5-1; **2 BLACK EBONY** 3-1Fav; **3 MIAH GRACE** 4-1. Also: 7-2 State Vision (FR) 5th, 6-1 Holme Abbey 4th, 66-1 Lissen To The Lady (IRE) 6th, 150-1 Aerton Brae pulled up. 13 ran. 5l, 7l. (K Thornton).

PONTEFRACT

Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)

2.20 (5f 3yds, £6,000 added): **1 ALMINOOR (IRE)** (D O'Neill) 4-9Fav; **2 BENDY SPIRIT (IRE)** 9-1; **3 DANNY OCEAN (IRE)** 7-2. Also: 33-1 The Mystery Wizard 6th, 40-1 Vardon Flyer 5th, 66-1 Amnaa 4th. 7 ran. 4½l, 1l. (M Johnston).

2.50 (1m 6yds, £11,200 added): **1 HORTZADAR** (D Nolan) 12-1; **2 COURTSIDE (FR)** 4-1; **3 DELPH CRESCENT (IRE)** 7-1. Also: 11-2 Cote d'Azur 5th, 20-1 Ghayyar (IRE) 6th, 33-1 Staplegrove (IRE) 4th. 9 ran. 8l, hd. (D O'Meara). NR: Trinity Star.

3.20 (5f 3yds, £25,000 added): **1 MOKAATIL** (P J McDonald) 10-1; **2 PIPERS NOTE** 20-1; **3 FOOLAAD** 5-2Fav. Also: 11-2 War Whisper (IRE) 6th, 6-1 Powerallied (IRE) 5th, 10-1 Sandra's Secret (IRE) 4th. 9 ran. ns, nk. (Ian Williams). NR: Watchable.

3.50 (2m 5f 139yds, £9,200 added): **1 RUBENESQUE (IRE)** (J Hart) 6-4Fav; **2 TYNECASTLE PARK** 11-4; **3 GALILEO'S SPEAR (FR)** 9-2. Also: 5-1 Brandy James (GER) 4th, 16-1 Strictly Art (IRE) 6th, 33-1 Primogeniture (IRE) 5th. 6 ran. 2¼l, 4½l. (Tristan Davidson).

4.20 (6f, £6,000 added): **1 MELROSE WAY** (G Lee) 20-1; **2 TEXTING** 10-3; **3 SOPHIA MARIA** 9-2. Also: 12-1 Northern Queen (IRE) 4th, 25-1 Reasoned (IRE) 6th, 33-1 Grey Berry (IRE) 5th. 14 ran. shd, nk. (J D Bethell).

4.50 (5f 3yds, £7,211 added): **1 SOCIALITES RED** (T Ladd) 3-1Fav; **2 KIBAAR** 11-1; **3 HIGHLY SPRUNG (IRE)** 9-2. Also: 7-2 Patrick (IRE) 6th, 8-1 Decision Maker (IRE) 5th, 20-1 One Boy (IRE) 4th. 9 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. (S Dixon).

5.20 (5f 3yds, £7,211 added): **1 JOHNNY CAVAGIN** (G Lee) 7-2; **2 SUPER JULIUS** 7-2; **3 DEEDS NOT WORDS (IRE)** 25-1. Also: 7-4 Fav Foxtrot Knight 4th, 12-1 Twentysvnthlancers 6th, 14-1 Round The Island 5th. 9 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. (P T Midgley).

5.50 (1m 6yds, £7,211 added): **1 CONUNDRUM** (J Garritty) 11-2; **2 GENNARO (IRE)** 8-1; **3 CURFEWED (IRE)** 11-2. Also: 7-2 Fav High Contrast 5th, 8-1 George Mallory 4th, 10-1 Diviner (IRE) 6th. 11 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. (Jedd O'Keeffe). NRs: Beaufort, Sarasota Star.

WINDSOR

Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

2.00 (6f 12yds, £6,069 added): **1 INCENTIVE** (B Curtis) 6-1; **2 TROTTER** 4-1Fav; **3 BROCKEY RISE (IRE)** 8-1. Also: 6-1 Storm Melody 4th, 10-1 Mooroverthebridge 6th, 12-1 Lily Of Year (FR) 5th. 15 ran. hd, ½l. (W S Kittow). NR: Artscape.

2.30 (5f 21yds, £5,800 added): **1 LAMBETH WALK** (O Murphy) 4-5Fav; **2 DR SIMPSON (FR)** 11-4; **3 MAYBELLENE (IRE)** 25-1. Also: 12-1 Brazen Safa 5th, 14-1 Dreamy Rascal (IRE) 6th, 33-1 Dancing Leopard (IRE) 4th. 14 ran. 2¼l, 1¼l. (Archie Watson).

3.00 (5f 21yds, £9,750 added): **1 BELLEVARDE (IRE)** (H Doyle) 25-1; **2 THE DALEY EXPRESS (IRE)** 7-1; **3 PUDS** 7-1. Also: 4-1 Fav Enthaar 4th, 9-2 King Robert 5th, 50-1 Peggie Sue 6th. 13 ran. nk, nk. (R J Price).

3.30 (1m 2f, £9,750 added): **1 KORCHO** (C Bennett) 15-2; **2 ALBERT FINNEY** 4-1; **3 LITTLE ROCK (IRE)** 5-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Gentle Look 4th, 10-3 Fields Of Athenry (USA) 6th, 25-1 The Pink'n 5th. 7 ran. ½l, 2¼l. (H Morrison). NRs: Sam Cooke, Spencers Son.

4.00 (1m 2f, £5,800 added): **1 TELECASTER** (O Murphy) 10-11Fav; **2 DEAL A DOLLAR** 7-4; **3 FUTURE INVESTMENT** 40-1. Also: 8-1 Ginistrelli (IRE) 5th, 14-1 Suakin (IRE) 6th, 33-1 Navigate By Stars (IRE) 4th. 16 ran. 9l, ½l. (H Morrison).

4.30 (1m 31yds, £6,069 added): **1 WALL OF SAPPHIRE (IRE)** (G Dobie) 13-2; **2 REDEMPTIVE** 7-1; **3 POET'S MAGIC** 9-1. Also: 7-1 Monsieur Piquer (FR) 4th, 10-1 Shifting Gold (IRE) 5th, 12-1 Lucky Lou (IRE) 6th. 13 ran. hd, ½l. (H Palmer). NR: Sea Of Marengo.

5.00 (1m 3f 99yds, £6,069 added): **1 KIRKLAND FOREVER** (G Dobie) 8-1; **2 BROAD APPEAL** 6-1; **3 MOBHAM (IRE)** 33-1. Also: 15-2 Ascot Day (FR) 5th, 16-1 Famous Dynasty (IRE) 4th, 25-1 Ace Combat 6th. 14 ran. 1¾l, shd. (Eve Johnson Houghton). NRs: Incredible Dream, Watt Broderick.

STATISTICS

Weight watcher

Horses which have dropped most from previous winning handicap marks in the last two years.

EXETER: 3.50 **Kilcullen Flem** (won off 115 down 6lb to 109); **The Happy Chappy** (10lb).

NEWMARKET: None.

WOLVERHAMPTON: 5.45 **Gone With The Wind** (won off 50 down 4lb to 46); **Ubla** (7lb); 6.15 **Prince of Time** (5lb); **Blue Rocks** (8lb); **Clement** (11lb); **Indian Affair** (16lb); 7.45 **Alabaster** (7lb); 8.15 **Herm** (5lb); **Cat Royale** (7lb); **Born To Reason** (9lb); **Tha'ir** (26lb).

Downgraded

Horses dropped two grades or more from their previous race.

NEWMARKET: 2.25 **Kuwait Currency** (down 3 grades), 2.25 **Shine So Bright** (down 2), 3.00 **Kick On** (down 3).

EXETER: 2.05 **Ask Dillon** (down 6), 2.05 **Boldmere** (down 4), 2.40 **Nelson's Touch** (down 3), 3.50 **Plantagenet** (down 4), 5.00 **Theatre Territory** (down 6).

Stable movers

Horses which are having their first run for a new trainer.

NEWMARKET: 1.15 **Twist 'n' Shake** (L Cumani to J Gosden), 1.50 **Alemaratalyoum** (I Jardine to S C Williams), 1.50 **Zain Hana** (J Noseda to J Butler).

WOLVERHAMPTON: 5.45 **Cape Agulhas** (Anthony Mullins to W J Martin), 6.15 **Bazzat** (J Ryan to C Moore), 6.45 **Astrologer** (J Gosden to D O'Meara), 7.15 **Storm Over** (R Cowell to G Scott), 8.15 **Penny Green** (J Eustace to C Moore).

EXETER: 2.40 **Magna Cartor** (J J Hanlon to Dr R Newland), 5.35 **Mount Nelly** (R Potter to D Pipe), 5.35 **Whenhellbrokeloose** (Philip Rowley to A King).

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EXETER - EXE
NEWMARKET - NMR
WOLVERHAMPTON - WOL

Alabaster	WOL	**7.45**
Alandalos	NMR	4.45
Alemaratalyoum	NMR	1.50
All Kings	EXE	4.25
Allux Boy	WOL	8.15
Amor Fati	WOL	5.45
Angel's Hideaway	NMR	3.35
Aqua Libre	WOL	5.45
Arasugar	NMR	4.10
Arctic Sound	NMR	2.25
Aroha	NMR	4.10
Arrowzone	WOL	5.45
Artistic Streak	NMR	1.15
Ask Dillon	EXE	2.05
Astrologer	WOL	6.45
Azano	NMR	2.25
Bang On	**EXE**	**2.40**
Bartat	NMR	4.10
Bazzat	WOL	6.15
Beguiling Charm	NMR	1.15
Bertie Boru	EXE	3.50
Black Noah	WOL	7.45
Blackheath	NMR	1.50
Blackjack Kentucky	EXE	2.05
Blue Rocks	WOL	6.15
Boerhan	NMR	3.00
Boldmere	EXE	2.05
Born To Reason	WOL	8.15
Burguillos	NMR	1.50
Buridan	NMR	1.50
Cape Agulhas	**WOL**	**5.45**
Captain Marmalade	WOL	5.45
Cat Royale	WOL	8.15
Chasing Dreams	NMR	4.10
Clement	WOL	6.15
Come On Charlie	EXE	4.25
Come On Leicester	NMR	3.35
Corinthia Knight	WOL	7.15
Corruption	EXE	3.15
Count Otto	NMR	1.50
Country'n'western	WOL	7.45
Dancing Shadow	**EXE**	**3.50**
Desert Doctor	NMR	1.50
Di Matteo	WOL	6.45
Dinah Washington	NMR	4.45
Dolphin Square	EXE	2.05
Draft Pick	EXE	5.00
Drumlynn	EXE	5.00
Dubai Dominion	NMR	2.25
Eddies Pearl	**EXE**	**4.25**
Eugenic	WOL	8.15
Fast Strike	**NMR**	**4.45**
Final Attack	WOL	8.15
First Call	WOL	8.15
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Flavius Titus	NMR	1.50
Flowing Cadenza	EXE	2.05
Formiga	WOL	6.15
Forty Four Sunsets	NMR	1.15
Full Of Roque	EXE	5.35
Full Shift	EXE	4.25
Gabrial's Kaka	**WOL**	**5.45**
Getabuck	EXE	5.35
Gilly Grace	EXE	4.25
Gonbutnotforgotten	WOL	6.45
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Good Vibes	NMR	4.10
Gracious John	WOL	7.15
Granitic	EXE	3.15
Grasmere	WOL	8.15
Green Power	NMR	1.50
Grumpy Charley	EXE	5.35
Hattaab	**EXE**	**2.40**
Here's Bingo	EXE	3.15
Here's Herbie	EXE	2.40
Herm	WOL	8.15
Highland Bobby	WOL	5.45
I'll Have Another	**NMR**	**3.00**
Ice Lord	NMR	1.50
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Indian Affair	WOL	6.15
Invitational	WOL	6.45
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Just That Lord	WOL	7.15
Kadar	**NMR**	**3.00**
Kemble	NMR	4.10
Kick On	NMR	3.00
Kilcullen Flem	EXE	3.50
Kilinakin	EXE	4.25
Kimiffive	NMR	1.50
Kingston Mimosa	EXE	4.25
Kit Barry	EXE	5.00
Knight Commander	WOL	7.45
Kuwait Currency	NMR	2.25
Kyllang Rock	WOL	7.15
Lady Madison	**WOL**	**6.45**
Lady Schannell	WOL	6.45
Lavender's Blue	NMR	4.45
Len Brennan	EXE	3.50
Little Miss Daisy	WOL	6.15
Look Around	NMR	3.35
Lopes Dancer	WOL	7.45
Loveatfirstlight	WOL	6.45
Lukoutoldmakezebak	WOL	5.45
Maamora	**NMR**	**4.45**
Magical Molly Joe	WOL	6.15
Magna Cartor	EXE	2.40
Main Edition	NMR	3.35
Malachite	EXE	2.40
Maqsad	NMR	1.15
Marhaban	NMR	5.20
Master Sunrise	EXE	5.00
Master Work	EXE	2.40
Melekhov	EXE	3.15
Mercenary Rose	NMR	3.35
Merchant House	EXE	5.35
Mistress Of Love	NMR	3.35
Moneta	WOL	6.45
Mordred	NMR	5.20
Mot Juste	NMR	3.35
Mount Nelly	EXE	5.35
Mr Pumblechook	EXE	2.05
Muraadef	WOL	6.15
Mystical Moon	WOL	6.15
Naralsaif	**WOL**	**6.15**
Nashirah	NMR	3.35
Nelson's Touch	EXE	2.40
Never Do Nothing	NMR	5.20
Nineohtwooneoh	EXE	3.15
Nooshin	WOL	6.45
Normandy Barriere	NMR	1.50
Officernisi	**EXE**	**2.05**
One Of Us	EXE	3.50
Orchid Star	NMR	3.35
Oyster Perch	EXE	2.05
Penny Green	**WOL**	**8.15**
Plantagenet	EXE	3.50
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Prince of Time	WOL	6.15
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Seaforth	WOL	6.15
Seinesational	WOL	7.45
Shine So Bright	NMR	2.25
Sir George Somers	WOL	8.15
Snuff Box	EXE	3.50
Solid Stone	NMR	5.20
Sonja Henie	WOL	6.45
Space Traveller	NMR	2.25
Spanish Mission	NMR	3.00
Spanish Starling	EXE	2.05
Specialise	NMR	1.15
Spectacular Rival	EXE	5.35
Splash Of Verve	WOL	8.15
St Merryn	EXE	4.25
Stagehand	NMR	1.15
Stand N Deliver	WOL	5.45
Steel Native	EXE	3.50
Storm Over	WOL	7.15
Summerghand	NMR	1.50
Sunday Star	NMR	3.35
Tatweej	**NMR**	**4.45**
Tereshkova	NMR	1.15
Tha'ir	WOL	8.15
The Galloping Bear	EXE	5.35
The Happy Chappy	EXE	3.50
Theatre Territory	EXE	5.00
Timassini	EXE	3.15
Tommy Taylor	NMR	1.50
Tropics	WOL	7.15
Trysor Ynys	EXE	3.15
Tudors Treasure	EXE	4.25
Twist 'n' Shake	NMR	1.15
Ubla	**WOL**	**5.45**
Uncle Bernie	WOL	7.45
Venusta	**NMR**	**1.15**
Victory Command	NMR	2.25
Vinnie Rouge	EXE	3.15
Vivionn	WOL	6.45
Voice of A Leader	WOL	8.15
Von Blucher	NMR	1.50
Walkinthesand	**NMR**	**3.00**
War Tiger	NMR	5.20
Western Australia	NMR	3.00
Western Whiskey	EXE	5.35
Whenhellbrokeloose	EXE	5.35
Woodbrook Boy	EXE	5.35
Wooduhheleyfit	EXE	3.15
Ximena	**NMR**	**4.45**
You Say What	**EXE**	**3.50**
Zain Hana	**NMR**	**1.50**
Zarkavon	WOL	5.45

Under-fire ace supported by faith group

> Billy Vunipola's views on homosexuality have courted controversy

BILLY Vunipola has received support from the Evangelical Alliance in the wake of the storm created by his defence of a homophobic Instagram post by Israel Folau.

Vunipola has been summoned to talks with the Rugby Football Union to discuss a post on his own account which includes the line "man was made for woman to procreate, that was the goal no?".

England's number eight was acting in support of Australia full-back and fellow devout Christian Folau, who stated on social media that "hell awaits" for "homosexuals."

Peter Lynas, a spokesperson for the Evangelical Alliance - the oldest and largest evangelical unity movement in the UK - defended Vunipola's position and asked whether religious beliefs are also being accommodated by rugby's drive for diversity.

> *Do rugby players have freedom of religion or is this another faith-free zone?*
>
> **Peter Lynas**

He said: "Billy Vunipola has expressed the view of evangelical Christians on marriage and quoted the Bible in the process.

"He made clear in his post he was far from perfect himself and doesn't hate anyone. For this he is now being condemned and threatened with disciplinary action.

"Is he being disciplined for quoting scripture? For holding orthodox Christian beliefs or just for expressing them? Do rugby players have freedom of religion or is this another faith-free zone?

"As rugby celebrates diversity and inclusion, does this allow for orthodox Christian beliefs or is that the one view you must not have?"

The RFU is refusing to provide any details for its meeting with Vunipola, insisting it remains a private matter.

Twickenham has also been wary at this stage of saying whether disciplinary action will be taken - but if it is decided to pursue the matter further it would most likely be under the broad charge of 'bringing the game into disrepute'.

Saracens are conducting their own investigation after declaring Vunipola has failed to meet his responsibility as a representative of the club, while condemnation of his view has also come from Premiership Rugby and the Rugby Players' Association.

On Saturday the 26-year-old, whose mum is a Methodist minister, was booed during his appearance as a second-half replacement against Bristol, who also played gay anthem 'It's Raining Men' on their PA system.

Saracens' director of rugby Mark McCall said "I'm sure there's stuff going on in his head" but will pick him for Saturday's European semi-final against Munster at Allianz Park.

Folau has been told by Rugby Australia he is in breach of its code of conduct and will have his four-year contract terminated, subject to the 48-hour window for him to appeal.

Wallabies' head coach Michael Cheika has ended Folau's international career by revealing his comments on social media - his second such infringement - mean he cannot be selected. Folau, however, remans unrepentant over the post.

Smith, Warner back for World Cup

CRICKET

BATSMEN Steve Smith and David Warner have been named in Australia's World Cup squad, marking their return to the national team following bans over the ball-tampering scandal.

Former captain Smith and Warner were suspended for a year due to their roles in the plan to manipulate the ball using sandpaper during last March's third Test against South Africa.

Now the duo, who have played in this season's Indian Premier League, will return to the international stage in the tournament in England and Wales, which starts on May 30.

Chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said: "We have been extremely pleased with how the ODI squad has been building over the past six months, including the recent series wins in India and against Pakistan in the UAE.

"Steve Smith and David Warner come back into the squad.

"Both are world-class players and it has been pleasing to see them produce some good form in the IPL."

Australia have also named spinners Adam Zampa and Nathan Lyon in the squad alongside Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Jason Behrendorff, Jhye Richardson and Nathan Coulter-Nile.

Peter Handscomb, who scored his maiden one-day hundred in India last month, and Josh Hazlewood are among the big names to mis out.

Hohns added: "Mitchell Starc and Jhye Richardson have both been named subject to fitness.

"Given the depth of talent and competition for spots, there were a number of tough calls we had to make to settle on our squad of 15."

Australia's opening World Cup match will be against Afghanistan on June 1.

FOOTBALL

Hamilton: Let's not get ahead of ourselves

FORMULA ONE

LEWIS Hamilton says he is not getting carried away with his championship advantage after moving to Formula One's summit for the first time this season.

Following his victory in China on Sunday, Hamilton moved six points clear of Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas and is 31 ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, his rival for the past two seasons.

After the opening three races in 2017 and last year, Hamilton was adrift of Vettel by seven and nine points respectively - only to claim the title on both occasions with two rounds remaining.

The 34-year-old is traditionally a slow-starter, so often coming alive in the second half of the year, but now has back-to-back wins after finishing runner-up to Bottas in the season-opening race in Australia.

Hamilton, who celebrated his latest triumph by making the 6,500-mile journey from Shanghai to Los Angeles on Sunday evening, is keeping his feet firmly on the ground as he pursues a sixth title.

He said: "It is far too early to look at the numbers.

"We are not going to get ahead of ourselves.

"We will keep our heads down and keep working as we have another tight battle on our hands.

"There are races ahead which could suit Ferrari more, so it is still up in the air.

"You have to operate to 100% and we are close to doing that.

"We have really delivered and we have to continue to do so.

"The key this year, as it was last season, is to continue delivering near-perfect weekends. That has to be the goal."

Mercedes became the first constructor since Nigel Mansell's Williams team in 1992 to start the season with three one-two finishes.

They currently boast the sport's dominant package, with Ferrari comfortably second-best in China.

The Italian team are also having to contend with an intra-team rivalry between four-time world champion Vettel and new teammate Charles Leclerc.

Although 21-year-old starlet Leclerc protested after he was ordered out of Vettel's way in Shanghai, team principal Mattia Binotto, who was only appointed in January, is adamant the battle for driver supremacy will not dominate Ferrari's agenda at their Maranello headquarters in Italy this week.

He said: "The first priority will not be to handle this situation. The priority will be to focus on the performance of the car.

"If we have the performance, this issue will be sorted. So performance is our first priority."

Solskjaer: Devils should take more from Paris victory than 1999 success

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer attempted to tone down the significance of the 1999 Champions League final - but the Manchester United manager feels the fixture proved anything is possible in football.

Solskjaer claimed a special place in the hearts of United supporters 20 years ago when his last-gasp strike against Bayern Munich at the Nou Camp sealed an unforgettable Treble.

Now the club's manager, the Norwegian returned to the ground on Monday as his side bid to overturn a 1-0 deficit in the return leg of their Champions League quarter-final in Barcelona.

Yet Solskjaer refused to dwell too much on the past and is fully focused on the task at hand, urging his side to believe they can prevail against the Spanish champions tonight.

He said: "Of course it's a fantastic memory for me.

"It's the only time I've been on the pitch but I don't really look back on that night too often.

"My job now is to make us play better than in the first game.

"I was a player back then. In football anything can happen at any time and we know that we can still be in this tie.

"It's about the quality, though. We need to defend well but going forward we need to score. If we keep a clean shee we can still be in the tie in the 93rd minute."

Of course Barcelona here at the Nou Camp is a difficult prospect but the memory from that night [in Paris] will live with the players

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Solskjaer thinks his players should be emboldened by their fightback against Paris St Germain in the last 16.

Following a 2-0 loss at Old Trafford, United responded in spectacular fashion with a 3-1 victory at the Parc des Princes to progress on away goals last month.

Solskjaer recognises the abilities of a Barcelona side who have won four European Cups since 2006 but remains in a bullish mood.

He added: "That memory from PSG will help the players, will help us as a team. We know we can turn things round.

"Of course Barcelona here at the Nou Camp is a difficult prospect but the memory from that night will live with the players.

> Solskjaer celebrates after his Red Devils beat Paris St Germain last month

"It's not that long ago and we're one goal better off."

Alexis Sanchez (*left*) was among United's 22-man travelling contingent and is in contention to make a return against his former club after six weeks on the sidelines because of a knee injury.

The Chilean, who scored 47 times in 141 appearances during three seasons with Barca between 2011 and 2014, has endured a largely miserable time at United as a haul of five goals in 41 games would suggest.

Solskjaer said: "For Alexis it's a big night and when he's on the pitch I'm sure he wants to prove a point.

"He wants to prove a point for us as well. He's been injured, he's not had a fantastic season so far and let's hope he can end the season great for us. We are in the business end of the season, we're playing games that Man United are used to playing.

"Let's hope Alexis can be happy with his performance when he is on the pitch."

Solskjaer reaffirmed his belief Paul Pogba will remain at United beyond the end of the season after the Spanish media questioned speculation linking the Frenchman with a summer move to Real Madrid.

Solskjaer added: "Paul's focus is on Man United and performing here.

"He has been fantastic since I've come here and I've no doubt he will perform for Man United as he has done lately.

"I don't think they (the fans) should worry too much."

Woods' feat could inspire Bluebirds

> Warnock is looking to Tiger Woods, right, for inspiration

NEIL Warnock believes Tiger Woods' stunning Masters triumph can act as inspiration for relegation-threatened Cardiff to mount their own comeback success story.

Warnock was watching on Sunday as Woods wrote one of the greatest sporting chapters by claiming a fifth green jacket at Augusta, 11 years after his previous major win.

Cardiff's hopes of avoiding Premier League relegation also appear fanciful with a five-point gap to safety and their remaining five fixtures including games against Liverpool and Manchester United.

Yet Cardiff would cut the gap to two points by winning at Brighton tomorrow night, although Chris Hughton's Seagulls do have a game in hand.

"We just have to look at the golf and at what Tiger has done - amazing," Warnock said of Woods' fifth Augusta triumph, which came after multiple back surgeries and personal problems had threatened to end the 43-year-old's career.

"Nobody gave him a chance either, he has been written off that many times and we have.

"Over the last few weeks we have felt sorry for ourselves a few times.

"We haven't time to do that (at Brighton) and if it's not good enough then we accept it.

"This is an opportunity to give ourselves a chance till the end of the season. We have to grab that."

Defeat would leave Cardiff eight points adrift of safety and seemingly doomed to an instant return to the Sky Bet Championship.

Cardiff host title-chasing Liverpool on Sunday and visit Fulham and host Crystal Palace before making a final-day trip to Old Trafford.

Asked if Brighton was the point of no return after Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Burnley, Warnock replied: "Yes I think you can say that.

> Ole Gunnar Solskjaer (right) and former Newcastle defender Ronny Johnsen hold the European Cup after Manchester United's stunning 2-1 final win over Bayern Munich in the Nou Camp in 1999

REDS WERE MORE FOCUSED ON TIGER THAN CITY

LIVERPOOL'S players underlined their focus is on this season's Premier League title bid by watching the Masters golf rather than rivals Manchester City's victory over Crystal Palace.

Pep Guardiola's side briefly returned to the top of the table with a 3-1 win at Selhurst Park after kicking off two and a half hours before the Reds' 2-0 defeat of Chelsea at Anfield.

It is a scenario which will occur in the next two rounds of fixtures as City will again play before Liverpool.

Defender Andy Robertson said the players have become well-versed in blocking the outside noise. "We had the golf on. I wanted Tiger to win it," said the Scotland captain.

"I was watching it with James Milner in the treatment room. I'm sure some of the lads were aware of the City score but it wasn't something we spoke about.

"We didn't know the City result beforehand but, because we hadn't heard anything, we just guessed they had won.

"This is the first time a lot of us have found ourselves in a position like this and you have to enjoy experiences like this.

"I think we're all enjoying it. You saw that with our performance against Chelsea.

"Hopefully, we'll be celebrating come the end but we know there's a lot of hard work still to be done."

While much of the talk has been about City winning a quadruple this season, Liverpool are still chasing a Premier League-Champions League double.

They head to Porto tomorrow with a 2-0 advantage to take into their quarter-final second leg.

CLASH ON A KNIFE-EDGE, ADMITS AN ANXIOUS BARCA GOALKEEPER

BARCELONA goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen believes their one-goal advantage over Manchester United is "not enough to defend" ahead of the return leg of their Champions League quarter-final.

The Spanish champions walked away from Old Trafford with a 1-0 win following Luke Shaw's early own goal - but Ter Stegen is wary of a United side which has already upset the odds this season.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side trailed 2-0 at the halfway stage of their last-16 fixture against Paris St Germain, only to stage a remarkable comeback at the Parc des Princes to reach the last-eight.

Ter Stegen said: "The good thing is we play differently to PSG but United are really dangerous.

"They are very quick. You always have to have be alert. I think it's they key to win this very difficult game.

"They know how to play in a very calm way. They made things really hard for us (in the first leg).

"The result we got in Manchester is dangerous because it's a very small advantage, it's not enough to defend.

"We need to step forward and create risky situations. We have to keep the ball and create good chances and score."

Ter Stegen's cautiousness could be, in part, due to Barca's shocking downfall against Roma at the same stage of the competition last season.

The Catalan giants seemed to be coasting after claiming a 4-1 victory at the Nou Camp but they were left shell-shocked as their Italian opponents rallied to win 3-0 at the Stadio Olimpico to progress on away goals.

Speaking about the stunning turn of events, Ter Stegen added: "It was hard of course but it's another year on, we got over it."

- Warnock

"I thought we had to beat Burnley and and Brighton if I am honest, so we are already one down.

"So it becomes even more important for both teams.

"I thought we were a little bit apprehensive with the occasion (at Burnley) and the occasion at Brighton is going to be even bigger."

Cardiff have been on the wrong end of several contentious refereeing decisions in recent games.

The Bluebirds saw three penalty appeals turned down at Burnley, including one where referee Mike Dean reversed his original decision to award a spot-kick.

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A VIEW FROM THE GALLOWGATE

IN PG Wodehouse's "Stiff upper lip, Jeeves", Bertie is reflecting on his mood one morning and says "I marmaladed a slice of toast with something of a flourish and I don't suppose I have ever come much closer to saying "Tra-la-la" as I did the lathering, for I was feeling in mid-season form this morning".

The quote entirely mirrored my demeanour as I rose gingerly to greet last weekend.

The sun was out, two four-day work weeks beckoned, the only thing which could have improved the day was Holly Willoughby at my door with a huge lottery cheque. It is amazing what one result can do to your outlook.

For a few short hours I didn't concern myself with takeovers or Rafa B enitez's contract.

This is why we follow this sport – we may imagine it would be wonderful to be as dominant as, say Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga carrying all before them, but I bet every single Newcastle supporter would be experiencing a higher euphoria after beating Leicester away than any Bayern supporter after another routine victory in the Bundesliga at the weekend.

The result means we can actually enjoy our remaining games just as football games.

We may be only playing for prize money and seeing if we can beat last season's position but what a change from sitting in your seat like a father watching his daughter going out on a date with one of Motley Crue.

So there you have it Mr Charnley, this was a reminder of what could be if only you could impress on the Supreme Leader the need to properly back a manager who ticks every box supporters have been crying out for.

He isn't asking for an Al City war chest, just the ability to build a cohesive team which gives hope and not one which merely fulfils fixtures as contractual obliga-tions and as a means to sell tracksuits.

We have a situation with a quality, proven, popular manager champing at the bit for a bit of backing.

It's like sending the Rolling Stones out on tour with kazoos and ukeleles.

Is it too much to ask that, just occasionally, we arrive at a situation whereby we don't celebrate beating Leicester like a cup final victory but we're disappointed we didn't win by more?

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We're still in with a chance, says Dubravka

> Martin Dubravka saves a header from Jamie Vardy at the King Power Stadium

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MARTIN Dubravka has insisted Newcastle United aim to keep their foot on the gas in the last four matches of the season.

This time last year, the Magpies slumped to a series of late-season defeats and just scraped into 10th place on the final day of the campaign.

However, United still have a chance to finish in a respectable position this time around.

Reflecting on the scenes at the King Power Stadium – when fans stayed behind for almost half an hour after the final whistle – Dubravka said: "It was unbelievable to have that support from the away fans.

"We know when we lost against Crystal Palace we felt we didn't deserve to get beaten.

"However, the fans have stuck behind us and when you have two or three thousand people supporting you at an away game that is something special.

"I had goosebumps in the first half and when we were standing in front of them at full-time.

"You can see the connection between the players and the fans and we really appreciate it.

"I'm glad they have great reasons to celebrate and hope we can give them more. We want to finish as high as possible but take every game step by step, looking towards a mid-table finish.

> *We want to finish as high as possible but take every game step by step*
> **Martin Dubravka**

"We finished in tenth place last season so if it's still possible then we should try to go for it."

United are now preparing for Saturday night's encounter against Southampton as they look to move beyond the 40-point barrier.

Dubravka added: "It is an amazing feeling to get the win.

"The lads in front of me played a fantastic game and, although it was a tough match, they all put their bodies on the line, battling hard as well as scoring a very nice goal.

"We knew it would be a difficult game.

"Every time we play against Leicester, they try to control the game and you could see they were pressing really high and we didn't have much possession but all of the players, not just the back five, defended really well.

"Every ball which came into the box was being cleared and it was difficult to keep the ball due to Leicester's high pressing.

"However, when we had the ball we tried to be dangerous in attack and, overall, we scored one more goal than them, which is the most important thing.

"It is a special feeling to achieve my tenth clean sheet of the season.

"I know how long we have waited for it and now we have it as well as being in a much better position.

"We have another four games ahead of us and I think the pressure is not as high as before."

> Matt Ritchie feels Newcastle are a little hard done by

Our side deserves a bit more credit

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MATT Ritchie believes the current Newcastle United side is not always fully appreciated.

The Magpies all but secured their Premier League place for next season with a 1-0 win over Leicester City with seven of the squad which earned them promotion from the Championship three years ago still plying their trade in black and white.

United finished in the top 10 last season and are now looking for a strong finish this season with a chance to better last season's point tally of 41 in the remaining fixtures.

After helping guide the team to survival for another year, Ritchie said: "I'm not sure we get the credit we deserve.

"I think everyone involved at this club deserves credit.

"I understand the glory days of Keegan and Robson, I understand everyone keeps looking back.

"I'm not saying that we don't aspire to that, we do.

"We want to be the best players and the best group we can be.

"The manager will always say he wants to strengthen and the players are the same, we want to be competing for our places and we understand that's football.

"You want to finish as high as you can, individually and as a team.

"However, you can't take anything for granted in the Premier League.

"From the top six down, anyone can be 12th or tenth or eighth or 18th.

"It's the bounce of the ball here or there.

"We didn't win a game for the first ten games of the season and everyone wrote us off.

"Everyone had us relegated, no

Hopes to seal Rafa deal soon

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NEWCASTLE United hope to come to an agreement on Rafa Benitez's contract extension within the next two weeks.

However, the two parties are yet to agree on some of the proposals put forward by the former Liverpool boss during on-and-off discussions in the last month or so.

Benitez handed his players a day off yesterday but preparations for the Southampton match will get under way today – and Lee Charnley will look to re-open talks with the United boss this week.

Friday's win at Leicester City has eliminated one major concern for Benitez, who wants to manage in one of Europe's top leagues next season.

His desire to remain in the spotlight at the top level also effectively rules out a switch to the Middle East and China.

As it stands Newcastle are the only club talking to Benitez from the Premier League. Newcastle already have an offer on the table for him and they have reiterated their wish for him to extend his current deal - but Benitez wants certain conditions added to that contract.

These do not include a request for a bigger salary or even a huge transfer kitty.

Benitez simply wants to see a clearer process when it comes to recruitment and quicker decision making behind the scenes. He also feels ruling out possible signings purely on age grounds is unwise.

A smoother system on transfers though, coupled with a structured plan for academy and training ground improvements will secure Benitez's future beyond May.

Given there is a shorter summer transfer window coming up in the next few months, an overhauled transfer policy will be essential this year. The Spaniard has a long list of possible targets and some were discussed at a recent scouting summit.

Benitez said on Friday: "We have to have a team which can compete. This city, the club has potential. It's massive. I'm not looking to spend £200m but doing the right things.

"You can do everything right with your tactics but the other team has one player who can make the difference.

"You'd have to pay £30m to buy a Leicester player."

Benitez knows there is cash to spend at United after some lean windows since the club were promoted in 2017.

Whether that deal is agreed remains to be seen.

If Benitez doesn't end up signing on the dotted line he is at least safe in the knowledge there are other jobs waiting for him.

Newcastle, on the other hand, know they would be left with a disgruntled fan-base and the difficult – if not impossible – task of finding the manager who follows Benitez.

> Rafa Benitez still wants Newcastle to make more progress on his demands before he agrees to a new contract

following write-off, claims Ritchie

chance, but now, all of a sudden, we look like a good side.

"The game plan was absolutely bang on and we couldn't have carried it out any better.

"Defensively, from the front, from Ronny (Rondon), Ayo and Miguel (Almiron, *pictured right*), we were brilliant.

"The way we defended in the last 20 minutes, against good players, stand-out players who are being touted for England, was fantastic."

This has been an up-and-down season for United and Ritchie is well aware of that.

It took the team until November to win their first game – a run which saw them fail to claim victory in any of their first 11 games this season – and they had a genuinely tough start to the campaign with games against Tottenham, Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester City.

Ritchie added: "In the first ten games of the season everyone was writing us off.

"However, we knew we were so close to good performances and good results, we just needed a little bit of luck and a little bit of the rub of the green.

"If we got that we knew we could get three points rather than a point or not getting anything.

"Tottenham at home on the first day of the season seems like a lifetime ago now.

"The season brings you so many ups and downs, so to get to this point, on 38 points, is fantastic."

Young Mags thumped by ruthless Reds

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NEWCASTLE UNDER-23S 0
MANCHESTER UTD U23S 5

NEWCASTLE United Under-23s saw their shot at the Premier League Two title slip go begging at St James' Park after a worrying late-season capitulation.

A first-minute opening was wasted by the Magpies and from there on Manchester United punished them for almost every defensive lapse.

The game was effectively over by half-time as the Old Trafford youngsters put on something of a football exhibition.

It was a far cry from the corresponding fixture earlier in the season, which saw Newcastle ran riot in a 4-1 win at Leigh Sports Village.

Back then Elias Sorensen was in a rich vein of form and scored twice prompting calls of a first-team call-up.

He trudged off long before the final whistle with a loan spell at Blackpool seemingly leaving him devoid of confidence.

This was a painful lesson for all concerned in black and white, though.

Newcastle had gone on the attack in the opening minute as Matty Longstaff slipped in Rosaire Longelo but former Toon goalkeeper Paul Woolston – released on a free transfer last summer – rushed out and blocked with his leg.

It would be a chance Newcastle would regret as Man United then scored with their first attack.

Nishan Burkart broke free down the right-hand side before calmly slotting home from the corner of the six-yard box to beat Nathan Harker and hand the visitors the perfect start.

On 13 minutes Longstaff won a free-kick down the right but the delivery didn't trouble the Red Devils and Owen Bailey's misdirected header bounced to safety.

The young Magpies had Jamie Sterry to thank on 17 minutes after Matthew Olosunde was allowed a free run down the right but the Geordie defender made a timely block.

Newcastle failed to gel in the opening stages and it was very much one-way traffic.

In the 27th minute, Man United made that possession count when Burkart was handed time and space on the edge of the box before firing in a low shot which beat Harker and doubled the lead.

Three minutes later the game could have been wrapped up for Man United as Angel Gomes attempted a shot from outside the box and clipped the bar.

The visitors did extend the lead nine minutes before the break as hot prospect Tahith Chong – who played in the Champions League against PSG recently – raced down the left to beat the defence before finishing with ease to make it 3-0.

Man United had more chances before the break but the deficit remained at just three at half-time.

Newcastle at least managed to start the second half with a bit of possession but Man United were in full control after their first-half dominance.

On 55 minutes Mo Sangare made a run into the box and was upended but referee Joseph Hull waved away the slight protests.

Dawson then made a change with Sangare replaced by Cal Roberts just before the hour.

Chong also went off for Man United as Josh Bohui. His exit did even things up a little bit and the hosts started to get back into the game a bit more.

Lewis Cass had a wild attempt at goal at the Gallowgate End as Newcastle fought to get back in the game.

Sorensen's disappointing night came to an end with 27 minutes left gone.

The Dane had been unable to add to his impressive goal haul on the night but he didn't get much service.

Tyrique Bartlett was thrown on to lead the line and try to add some respectability to the scoreline.

However, the game started to drift again and Mason Greenwood's shot on the turn forced Harker into a fine save low down.

As the game petered out, Roberts and Bailey were booked for fouls as some home players lost their cool.

With 13 minutes left Bailey's foul cost Newcastle dearly as Greenwood stepped up from 25 yards to curl home majestically into the top left-hand corner of Harker's net.

Greenwood then applied the finish after Dylan Levitt's cross with seven minutes left to make it 5-0.

Woolston returned to Tyneside to enjoy a shutout but in truth he was only tested once in the first minute, he could have flipped open a deck chair for the rest of the game.

Dawson's side still have one league game left away to Middlesbrough - but will need a big improvement if they are to succeed in the play-offs.

Ex-Magpies keeper Paul Woolston was only tested once in the first minute. He could have flipped open a deck chair for the rest of the game

FOOTBALL

Late strike by Connelly saves day for Wear starlets

SUNDERLAND U23S	1
FULHAM U23S	1

LEE Connelly's last-minute equaliser earned Sunderland a point against ten-man Fulham at Eppleton.

Connelly scored in the 89th minute to cancel out Jerome Opoku's first-half opener and spare the Black Cats defeat in their final home game of the Premier League Two season.

Sunderland should have made more of their man advantage, which they held for more than half the match after Fulham goal keeper Magnus Norman was shown a straight red card by referee Garreth Rhodes for using his hand outside the penalty area to stop a goalbound shot from Benji Kimpioka on the stroke of half-time.

Sunderland – who included fringe first-teamers Kimpioka and Bali Mumba in their starting XI against the third-bottom Cottagers – are already assured of finishing at the foot of the Group Twotable and side round off their campaign with a trip to Southampton in a fortnight's time.

There was little in the game in the early stages, with chances at both ends.

Connelly saw an attempted chip from the edge of the box clear the bar, while Jake Hackett sent a long-range free-kick straight at Norman and the keeper also saved another effort from distance, this time from Connolly.

At the other end, Jayden Harris sent two efforts wide of the target, and Nicolas Santos Clase was also unable to test Max Stryjek.

Fulham went in front in the 32nd minute from a set-piece, Opoku reaching Tyrese Francois' corner ahead of Stryjek to nod home from close range.

The goal put the Londoners in a commanding position but they found themselves a man light on the stroke of half-time when Norman was sent off for handling the ball outside his penalty area as he rushed out to block a shot from Kimpioka.

Kimpioka's free-kick hit the wall and Dan Neil's follow-up shot took a big deflection, substitute goalkeeper George Wickens reacting quickly to change direction and claw the ball away for a corner.

Sunderland were unable to make their numerical advantage count in the second half and if anything Fulham looked more likely to extend their lead.

However, the Wearsiders snatched a late leveller when a corner kick from the right came all the way to Connelly beyond the far post and his shot from a tight angle went across the goalkeeper and found the net.

SUNDERLAND: Stryjek, Evans (Kokolo 62), Taylor, Bainbridge, Hunter, Neil, Connolly (Gamble 62), Mumba, Hackett, Connelly, Kimpioka. Subs not used: Johnstone, Young, Storey
BOOKED: Hackett
FULHAM: Norman, Fossey, McAvoy, Opoku, Sessegnon, Harris, Francois, De La Torre, Edun, Clase, Kait (Wickens 45+1). Subs not used: Asare, Abraham, Hilton, Garrido
SENT OFF: Norman. **ATTENDANCE**: 193.

THE AGENDA: Big-spending Wearsiders poised

Donald expects a busy summer for Cats regardless of promotion status

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"THIS summer requires us to be really clever, I think," said Stewart Donald.

If anyone was under the misapprehension sorting out Sunderland's wage bill was done last summer, the chairman's latest appearance on the Roker Rapport podcast was a sobering reminder there is still plenty to do.

Players like Jack Rodwell, Didier Ndong and Papy Djilobodji might have been struck off and replaced with others more in keeping with the club's new – and hopefully temporary – League One surroundings but the legacies of mismanagement remain.

Even once a few more are lopped off next month, Donald estimates promotion would instantly add £4m to the wage bill, more than doubling the payroll most leading clubs bring up to the Championship.

Stay in League One and Sunderland are committed to £14m of wages in 2019-20 and there are players not yet in that group they would like to keep.

Denver Hume, Elliot Embleton, Ethan Robson and Max Stryjek are home-grown assets worth retaining, while Benji Kimpioka has been offered a pay rise to stop him running down his deal.

Sunderland's commitment to Lee Cattermole, Aiden McGeady and Bryan Oviedo will continue regardless of their division. Cattermole and McGeady's contracts arguably offer decent value in the Championship but Oviedo has played infrequently in League One.

Last summer his wages stopped him departing and if he moves on at the end of the season part of his pay may continue to come from the Stadium of Light coffers.

It explains why Donald is exploring selling off the Stadium of Light's name to the highest – suitable – bidder.

Yet while extra money will be needed to compete in the graveyard of fallen giants that is the second tier, he insists it will not force Ross into a sell-to-buy situation.

Whatever decisions have to be made, they will have to be made quickly. Sunderland's fate remains in their own hands despite the 5-4 home defeat to Coventry City which knocked them out of the automatic promotion places almost as quickly as they went into them.

One thing is for certain – Sunderland will have one of the bigger budgets whichever league they play in.

"Jack is going to have quite a large part of his budget pre-spent," Donald told his regular vehicle for communicating with supporters. "We have about £14m-worth of contracted players (for next season).

"Because of the clauses in their contracts, if we are promoted that's £18m before we sign a player. That's above our break-even point.

"The challenge for us is going to be how do we give Jack more funds so that we can still wheel and deal in the market. (An) £18m playing budget in the Championship, you'd expect to do quite well with that when you're hearing QPR (17th in the Championship) are expected to take their budget next year down to £11m.

"Teams who have gone up before with a budget of £6m or £7m, the biggest teams, we're going up having £10m more than that already committed.

"I am expecting quite a busy summer again. A lot of that is going to be defined by the next (five) games because we have different challenges depending what league we're in."

Not that money decides any league table, despite what some might think.

As Donald points out: "The Championship is full of clubs who have not spent money well. On Sunderland's budget last season to get relegated – there were clubs whostayed up with half that money spent." He has bankrolled a big squad and topping it off with January's signing of Will Grigg for £3m potentially rising to £4m will eat into the budget.

Thirty-one players have been used in the league and not all have been a success.

Summer signings Glenn Loovens and Alim Ozturk have not been seen in League One since December's defeat at Portsmouth while Donald Love's last appearance was on September 1. Max Power and Dylan McGeouch were not signed as bit-part midfielders and Grigg is yet to get the goals to justify his fee.

If Sunderland go up they cannot expect to hold their own without reinforcements.

"If the judgement call from Jack, Tony (Coton, the head of recruitment) and Richard (Hill, head of football operations) is we want to sign, let's say ten players, the conversation will come back: 'We're not running with that many players so we'll have to do some wheeling and dealing,'" Donald stresses.

"I don't think we'll be in the position where if Jack says he wants this player we say 'you can't have him until this player is gone.'

"If I was some of those players I would be saying, 'If I'm a fourth-choice League One player in my position and we get promoted, how likely is it I'm going to go from fourth-choice to getting a game?

"I have one year left on my deal, I need longer security than that, we need to have a conversation.' Common sense just tells you that's bound to happen."

> Can Sunderland offer Jack Ross more funds?

for a hectic close season, claims club owner

> Steward Donald has a busy summer in store at Sunderland

History will tell you it cannot be banked on. Rodwell barely played last season but it took a pay-off to shift him. Even those some thought had gone have not. Take the on-loan Lamine Kone.

Donald said: "The club he's at (Strasbourg) have an option if they want to keep him for a fee, we believe that's likely.

"If that doesn't happen I think he'll find another club. I'd be amazed if you see Lamine back here in a Sunderland shirt."

Teams that have gone up before with a budget of £6m or £7m, the biggest teams, we're going up having £10m more than that already committed

Donald is preparing to sit down to another jigsaw, trying to find extra money from stadium sponsorship and a new kit deal.

He added: "We took the view (last summer) there were about 10 players to go or whatever the figure was but we accepted there would be a jigsaw and over time we would get that right. This summer could be a jigsaw again.

"We've had one summer transfer window and there was quite a lot to change. You can't do it all in one or two windows. It might take three or four to get exactly what Jack wants.

"If we lose two million pounds a year in the Championship, no issue, but lots of teams have scenarios where you might need to find an extra £10m-plus.

"Every focus at the moment is on trying to get the right result over the last five games. I would imagine the first ten days after the season would be pretty manic."

Sunderland 'stretched' at critical time in campaign

FROM BACK PAGE

Chris Maguire is another who could come into Ross' thinking, although he has not played since breaking his leg in February.

Dylan McGeouch and Lynden Gooch are doubts, while Adam Matthews and Reece James are only due to resume training in the middle of the week and are therefore unlikely to be thrown straight in.

"Dylan, we don't know," said Ross when asked who could be in contention against Rovers.

"Reece and Adam I would hope might be able to train by the middle of the week but obviously the game is Friday.

"Chris trained Thursday and Friday a little bit, so potentially if he can get through a week's training he might come back into contention.

"Lee only joined training on Thursday, Aiden has not been training.

"Lynden will be touch and go. We're stretched, it's not a good time of the season to be stretched, but we are.

"I wouldn't know until the week unfolds as to who might be available."

Centre-backs Tom Flanagan and Jack Baldwin were heavily criticised for their performances against Coventry, and Ross may consider bringing in Alim Ozturk and on-loan Burnley man Jimmy Dunne in their place.

Another option would be a change of system, although Ross says the Coventry defeat owed more to bad on-field decisions than being outnumbered in midfield.

Ross said: "There's a lot for us to reflect upon from the last couple of weeks. These four or five days [before Doncaster's visit] are a chance for us to reflect on what's best for what lies ahead for us at the weekend."

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Cash won't end fear of relegation, says Ritchie

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MATT Ritchie has warned it is "naive" to think all of Newcastle United's problems boil down to a lack of on-field investment.

The hard-working Scotland international feels any team outside the Premier League's top six is capable of getting dragged into the scrap in the bottom half of the table.

United are currently just above the relegation zone in terms of position but have a healthy lead over Cardiff City.

The Bluebirds are 10 points behind United with five games left to play – and take on relegation rivals Brighton tonight.

Speaking about recent talk of Newcastle spending money, Ritchie said: "People talk about not wanting to be in this position again but that's naive when you're talking about the Premier League.

"It's a frustrating one.

"I understand and as players you want to achieve great things, but you have to be realistic. Other than the top six, every team can be in the relegation mix.

"Everton spent £100m last season but with 10 games to go they were still in trouble.

"From the top six down, anyone can be in a relegation battle, anyone.

"Whether they get a bad start or a bad run, you have to be realistic."

Newcastle could still feasibly net 11th or 12th place but they are now 80/1 to get a top-10 finish like season.

Ritchie added: "The top six or seven might have that bit more but the rest of the league is so close.

"This year, there's a little bit more of a gap but so many clubs can end up in trouble.

"We're seen as not spending money but spending money is no guarantee.

"We're competing. We only came up a couple of years ago and last season we retained our Premier League status.

"Hopefully, this season, if we continue to play like we did at Leicester, we can gain a few more points and finish close to where we did last season."

GUNNERS AUBA THE MOON AS DEENEY GETS SHIRTY

> Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang celebrates scoring what proved to be the only goal of the match as Arsenal beat Watford 1-0 at Vicarage Road. Inset, Hornets captain Troy Deeney removes his shirt after his dismissal

> Sunderland manager Jack Ross

Black Cats need promotion bid back on track

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JACK Ross' ability to ring the changes in the wake of Sunderland's weekend defeat against Coventry City will hinge on the fitness of key players working their way back from injury.

Sunderland have misfired in back-to-back home games, dropping two points against Burton Albion last week and then suffering a defensive collapse as the Sky Blues ended the Black Cats' unbeaten record at the Stadium of Light and became the first away team to score five goals on Wearside for more than 35 years.

The draw against Burton was enough to lift Sunderland into the top two but their weekend reverse saw Barnsley go back above them and Ross' men are now third, two points behind the Tykes with a game in hand but ahead of fourth-placed Portsmouth only on goal difference.

Sunderland's next game sees Doncaster Rovers visit the Stadium of Light on Good Friday and it will be difficult test against a side still looking to clinch a play-off spot.

Ross knows he must get Sunderland's automatic promotion bid back on course and following the Coventry defeat he indicated that he will need to rely on players who can handle the pressure of a promotion run-in.

Fit-again Lee Cattermole is likely to be ready to feature against Rovers after being included on the bench as an unused substitute at the weekend, while Aiden McGeady made his comeback as a sub against Coventry and could be in the frame.

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